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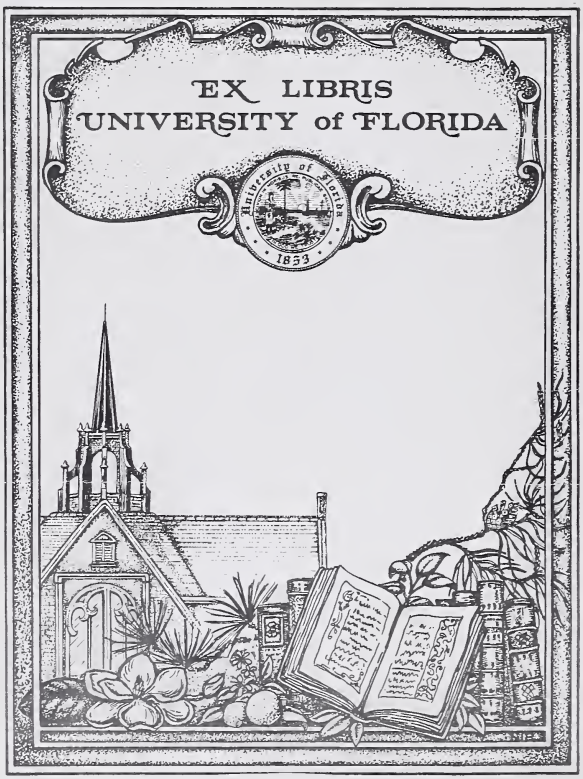
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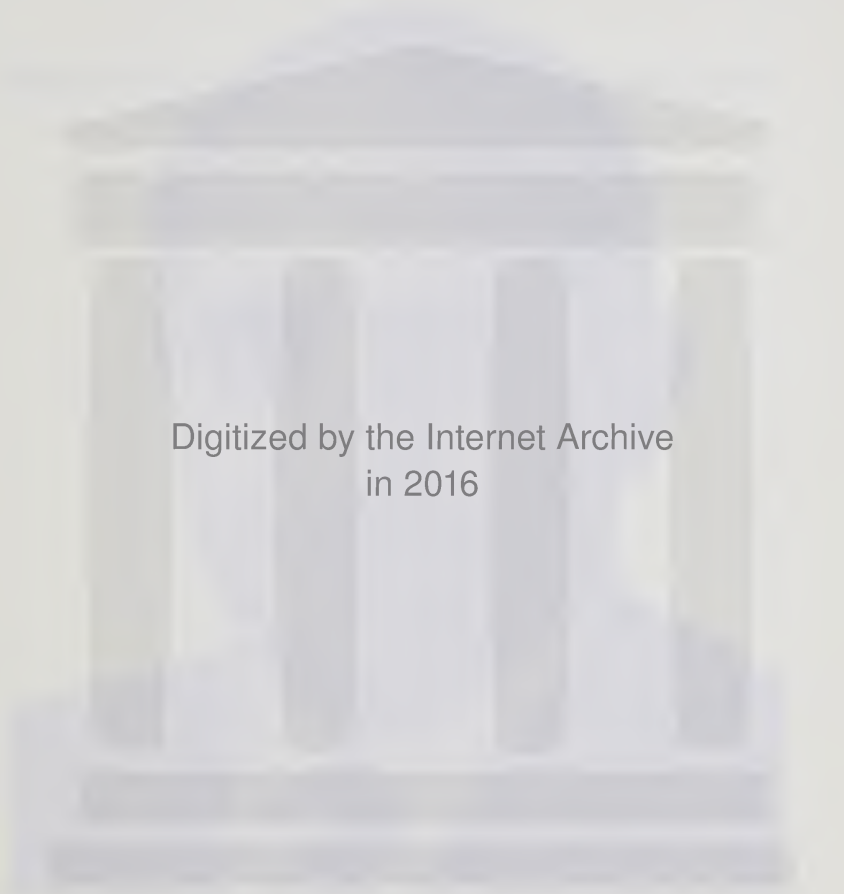
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Biography

Adam Benjamin, Jr., was born in Gary, Lake County, Ind., August 6, 1935; attended the public schools; graduated, Kemper Military (high) School, Boonville, Mo., 1952; B.S., United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 1958; J.D., Valparaiso (Ind.) Law School, 1966; lawyer; admitted to the Indiana Bar in 1966 and commenced practice in Gary; served in the United States Marine Corps, corporal, 1952–1954; United States Army, first lieutenant, 1958–1961; teacher, Edison High School, Gary, 1961; employed as computer analyst, Chicago, Ill., 1962; served as zoning administrator, Gary, 1964–1965; executive secretary to the mayor of Gary, 1965–1967; served in Indiana House of Representatives, 1967–1971; Indiana Senate, 1971–1976; elected as a Democrat to the Ninety-fifth Congress, November 2, 1976; reelected to the Ninety-sixth and Ninety-seventh Congresses, and served from January 3, 1977 until his death on September 7, 1982 in Washington, D.C.; interment at Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville, Ind.

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FOR

ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *September 8, 1982.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are grateful, O God, for all the blessings of life and for Your continued providence to us. We thank You for Your grace which fills our lives with hope and for Your bountiful love which surrounds us and gives us faith for each new day.

At this time we are particularly thankful for the life of ADAM BENJAMIN and for his good works done for the people he represented. We are conscious of his dedication to his tasks, his friendliness, and openness to those he met, and his care and concern toward those in need. We ask Your special blessing upon his family and those who mourn his passing, that Your peace that passes all human understanding may be with them now and during all the days to come. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, with deepest regret I inform the Members of this House of the death of our colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN. I extend my most heartfelt condolences to his wife, Patricia, and his children, Adam, Alison, and Arianne.

All of us who knew him are grateful for his life and the contributions he made to his friends, community, State, and Nation. His life, from West Point to Congress, was in the highest, finest tradition of public service.

ADAM was an extremely effective legislator. I know of no one who was so quick to master the procedures of the House and use them for the benefit of his constituents. He set a record by becoming the chairman of an appropriations subcommittee in his second term. There used to be a saying at the Indiana Statehouse that ADAM BENJAMIN was the only member of the general assembly who read all the bills. That gives some indication of the respect his fellow

legislators had for ADAM's legislative skills. ADAM's drive for self-improvement enabled him to study for a master of law degree to teach academic courses while carrying on his duties as a Member of Congress.

ADAM believed in, and lived for, representative government. He came from his constituents; he was a part of them; and he worked hard for them. Their problems and hopes, troubles and ambitions were his as well. Their welfare was his primary concern. He thought constantly of how he might serve them better. ADAM had pride in his work as a politician and legislator. He believed it was the politician's job to make the country work, to provide stability, to accommodate different points of view, to develop a consensus, and to meet the needs of people.

He believed that a politician's work is the chief means of achieving justice for all persons.

His death cut short a brilliant career in the House of Representatives. We will miss him as a friend, politician, and legislator. All of us who knew him will be able to hold our heads a little higher because he contributed, as few are able to do, to making this House, as well as representative government, work better. His loss will be deeply felt by all of us who knew and worked with him.

The funeral for ADAM will be at 10 a.m. Friday, September 10. It will be held at the Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 8000 Madison Street, Merrillville, Ind. Visitation hours will be Thursday, September 9, from 12 noon to 10 p.m., at the funeral home of Stilinovich, Palmer, Wiatrolik, 4901 Broadway, Gary, Ind. A delegation will depart from the House steps at approximately 7:30 a.m. on Friday, September 10, for Gary, Ind., returning immediately upon conclusion of services in Indiana.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Speaker, we all were shocked and saddened with the news yesterday morning of the loss of our dear friend, ADAM BENJAMIN. We all learned to know him, some more recently than some of the rest of us from Indiana. ADAM was one of the hardest working Members of Congress, as he had been a hard-working State legislator. With his passing, he will be missed here in this House. We offer our condolences and our prayers to Pat and his children. The loss will be to our Nation to lose a very valuable, caring, and nice person that ADAM was.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, sadness and the understanding of death lie very heavily across this Chamber on this Wednesday. We

had a colleague amongst us who was quick, alive, warm, friendly, and smiling just a few days ago. We are reminded that no person is an island. Particularly in this Chamber, we are a part of one another, and how childish our selfish tragedies seem at a time like this. Death ends a life, but it does not end a relationship, which will continue on in our hearts and in our minds. It does not make any difference whether it is a chamber of commerce person or a labor person in Indiana who speaks of ADAM BENJAMIN. The regard is high and is immense for his scholarship, for his fairness and for his just plain friendliness.

There is an old advertisement that says, "Nobody doesn't like Sarah Lee." And, as you shall soon see by the remarks that are to follow, nobody didn't like ADAM BENJAMIN.

Mr. HILLIS. Mr. Speaker, it was with great shock and with great sadness that I learned of this tragic event, the passing of our colleague. I had first gotten to know ADAM when we went to the Indiana general assembly together in 1967 and served in the house where we sponsored a good number of bills together. As I got to know ADAM and worked with him we became quite good friends. He typified, as the gentleman said, everything that is good about politics and good about government. He was a symbol there. We used to call him Mr. Clean because of what he stood for and how he conducted himself. I would say in public service I have known many fine people and many great people. ADAM is of that category, probably the most ethical man in politics that I have ever known.

Mr. SHARP. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in recognizing our distinguished Hoosier colleague, who was a model, I think, for many of us as legislators. He certainly was an exceptional public servant who did honor to our people and honor to this Institution.

Mr. COUGHLIN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join in mourning the passing of ADAM BENJAMIN. There was no more dedicated or hard-working Member of this House.

He served as the chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, of which I am the ranking minority member. We sat shoulder to shoulder through countless hours of hearings, markups, and conferences with the other body.

ADAM sought solutions, not contention. He sought results, not showmanship. He was a champion of his people in his district. He was a giant of a man, a block of granite.

The people of Indiana have lost a great Congressman; the Congress has lost a fine subcommittee chairman, and I have lost a friend.

Mr. FITHIAN. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege and the pleasure to share in the representation of ADAM's home county, Lake County. I think the best way to describe ADAM BENJAMIN is to say that he was a legislator's legislator. And the best phrase I know of to describe ADAM's life's work is that "he got things done," a tremendously effective person who knew no hours limitations on himself. His long hours contributed to democracy and to this House. We shall all miss him in Indiana, and we shall miss him in this House. The Nation has lost a great legislator. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of our late and great colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

Mr. HILER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, was deeply shocked and saddened by ADAM's passing. As first-term Congressman from the other party, quite often you do not know what kind of relationships that you will be able to develop over time. But having the opportunity to fly with ADAM many, many times to and from Chicago I got to know ADAM as a friend and as a fellow Congressman. I think in those trips to and from Washington I learned a great deal not only about his dedication to his family, whether it was the last time I talked to him and he was the next day going to a baseball game with his children, or whether it was on Sunday afternoons or Sunday evenings hurrying to catch a plane, when we had been at the same parade, or at the same function, so that he could be here first thing Monday morning to get the job done here. Indiana will certainly miss ADAM BENJAMIN. The northwest Indiana sector had a fine Representative, and whoever follows him will have very large shoes to fill. I, as a new Member of Congress, will miss ADAM as well.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, as was pointed out earlier, I, too, flew from Washington to Chicago, and I developed a truly wonderful friendship with ADAM. I never thought that it would so suddenly end.

As a man, ADAM was tough, he was generous, and he was loving. As a Congressman, his achievements were as stunning as they were profound. ADAM was shrewd, he was honest, and he was effective. The effectiveness of the man was that he defeated one of the most powerful Members of Congress for that seat in Indiana. His rise on the Appropriations Committee was nothing less than miraculous. ADAM was a man certainly of national stature. Yet his dedication to his constituents ran very deep. ADAM BENJAMIN won many, many

battles for Gary, and I am just happy to say that in winning those battles some of the victory spilled over into Chicago. He was a de facto member of the South Side of the city of Chicago because what was good for Gary and Indiana and Illinois was also good for my city. He also expected and received support from the Illinois delegation. I am proud of that. ADAM was a West Pointer and a marine. He was intensely proud of his family. He was a great storyteller and a magnificent person to share a martini with at week's end. Only in his death do we sadly recognize the national achievement and the personal wealth that were in one person, ADAM BENJAMIN. I express to his family my deepest sympathy.

Mr. COATS. Mr. Speaker, I think our colleagues are witnessing today the deep respect and admiration that both sides of the aisle have had for ADAM BENJAMIN. His loss is tragic. My first reaction was that ADAM is as close to irreplaceable in Congress as any person that I have known here. Even though I am a freshman from the party opposite of ADAM's, that was no barrier to his taking me under his wing, putting his hand on my shoulder, helping me to understand the legislative process, and working with me together for the good of Indiana and for the good of this Nation. I will miss him greatly. My deep sympathies are extended to his family. ADAM's loss is a loss to all of us.

Mr. LONG of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, as a Congressman who has served on the Appropriations Committee and in the Steel Caucus and as one who was born in Indiana, I hope my colleagues will let me share their pride in ADAM and their sorrow over his death. He had a penetrating, no-nonsense mind. In the words of the E. F. Hutton ads, when ADAM spoke, people listened. We shall miss him very, very much.

Mr. BEDELL. Mr. Speaker, I came to know ADAM BENJAMIN because my son, who was a political consultant, was involved in his first campaign in which he was elected to the Congress. When I had my office over in the Cannon Office Building, it would not matter whether I went home at 7 or 11 o'clock at night; I went by ADAM's office, and every time I went by his office, no matter how late it was, ADAM was in there working. I never experienced anyone who spent the hours at night working that ADAM did, for his constituents and for this House of Representatives. We will certainly miss him very much.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, may I pick up on the remarks of the gentleman from Iowa, because I have known ADAM BENJAMIN over the relatively short period of time that he served in this body. I can tell you that he lived to work. When I have been driving home in the immediate neighborhood, there was ADAM at 8:30, 9 o'clock, just walking slowly back to his apartment. When I came back to work the next morning at 7:30, quarter to 8, there was ADAM BENJAMIN walking more briskly back to his office again.

Having served with him on the Subcommittee on Appropriations, I can certainly attest to the industrious manner with which he approached any subject. If it was the Capitol Grounds around here that needed repair, he wanted to see it firsthand, to make absolutely sure that the expenditure of a few thousand dollars was justified. I did not know about the fact that he came from a legislature with the kind of a reputation for having read every bill that came before the legislature, but I can fully understand that, having served the brief period of time that I served with him.

I guess at this time there really is no center aisle because those of us on our side appreciate just as much as those of you on the majority side what a contribution ADAM BENJAMIN has made to this House of Representatives. Seeing him operate, an "in-house" man at times, but also so well versed in the legislative ways he brought credit to this House of Representatives. Each of us could take just a leaf from his book in how to conduct our lives on the floor of this House, on and off the floor. We are certainly going to miss ADAM. I consider him one of those new-found friends, now lost, that I got to know in the House of Representatives, and I guess that is what makes this such a great place to have the opportunity to serve with people about whom we feel so strongly, and I certainly want to extend my unbounded sympathy to his wife and children in their hour of bereavement.

Mr. JONES of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I believe the gentleman from Indiana has effectively summarized the characteristics of ADAM BENJAMIN that made him so beloved to all of us who had the opportunity to work with him. I was particularly privileged to have served with ADAM on the Budget Committee. Some of the traits that have been discussed already were the ones that stand out in my mind about ADAM, particularly the hard worker attitude that he had.

When I first came to this Institution, one of the oldtimers told me that around this place knowledge is power, which means that if you do your homework fairly and effectively, people will come to you to

seek information. If you are honest with them, you gain a stature of power that is not measured by title or by office. Clearly ADAM BENJAMIN was one of the most powerful people in this body because he was a prodigious worker who did his homework very effectively. And when you talked to him about an issue, he did not color the facts; he gave it to you straight. He was honest, he was independent. That made him a powerful and beloved individual. Another characteristic of ADAM was his independence, the fact that he was a strong Democrat, and yet he crossed the aisle many times and voted for Republican amendments when he thought that was in the best interest of the country.

Obviously, he had strong support from labor, organized labor, and working people, and yet a few months ago when I was in Gary at his request to speak to the chamber of commerce group there, it was obvious that he had very strong support and respect among management and the business community.

It is this honest and independence and hard work that made him stand out as a most effective legislator and a most effective national leader.

I will miss him very deeply as a friend. The Budget Committee and the whole process of the budget will miss him very deeply, because he did do his homework and he was effective.

I extend my very deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, with a profound sense of shock and sorrow, I join my colleagues in paying a last tribute to ADAM BENJAMIN. As a human being, and as a Member of this House, ADAM embodied everything that was decent and good.

He was a caring person, with a deep sense of fairness and justice, and he was a warm personal friend of many Members of this House.

He was an exceptional legislator and public servant, who served with high distinction in the Indiana Legislature, and who in only three terms came to be recognized as one of the most respected and effective Members of the House. He was, in a word, a legislator's legislator, noted for his diligence, his knowledge of the procedures and the business of the House, and his skill in using the art of the possible to make good things happen.

In the House, there is no higher distinction than to be an effective chairman of an appropriations subcommittee. ADAM earned that distinction on two appropriations subcommittees during his three terms on the committee.

It was my privilege to serve with ADAM during his chairmanship of the Transportation Subcommittee. I served on that subcommittee for many years. I have a strong personal commitment to many of those programs, and I have had many deep and rewarding associations with members of that subcommittee.

ADAM mastered the programs and the personalities of that subcommittee, and became one of the most effective members and chairman in its history. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity I had to serve with him, and to share his high abilities as a legislator, and his warmth and depth as a human being.

His ability and his depth and his warmth will be missed by this House and each of its Members. His public service will be missed by this country. I send my heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Benjamin and his family.

Ms. OAKAR. Mr. Speaker, I certainly want to join the gentleman from Indiana in extending my sympathy to ADAM's beautiful family. He was a wonderful father and husband and spoke of them very, very often.

ADAM was a friend and classmate. I remember when we came in together to this fine body, he gave our class many innovative, creative ideas.

I think ADAM was one of those public servants who very seldom would make headlines, but he was one of the most quietly effective and decent people for whom this country could hope.

In addition to that, he not only served Gary, Ind., so effectively and beautifully, and unselfishly, he also was very generous with his time for other constituencies. I know that the people of the city of Cleveland, Ohio, our mayor and Congressman Stokes, myself, and others, are especially grateful for the hard work that he performed on our behalf in terms of the supplemental bill that we will be taking up shortly.

So all of us will miss ADAM tremendously, but we will remember him. I believe for me, anyway, he will always be a prototype and model of what a public official should be.

Mr. BOLLING. Mr. Speaker, I learned about ADAM BENJAMIN before he got here. He had the reputation in Indiana and in the Indiana Legislature for being the classic inside man. He was a real pleasure to work with. I had the privilege of working with ADAM from the very beginning and it was fascinating to watch him move in ways that most people do not, to get to the core of the House.

I doubt very much whether most people understand how potent he was in the first few months that he was here. He knew his way around in a way that was almost unbelievable in 6 months and he was a force and an influence in a year. His power and influence for good and for his State grew monthly. He was one of the most extraordinary Members I have ever seen in this Institution and I doubt that even his close friends fully understand how much influence he had.

The country is going to miss ADAM BENJAMIN. The Institution is going to miss ADAM BENJAMIN. The district and the State that he represented are going to miss him and I have nothing but the deepest sympathy for his family, because I know they will miss him, too.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, ADAM occupied the same corridor as I do in the Cannon Building, two offices down. No matter what time I left that office, 7 o'clock, 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock, 10 o'clock, ADAM's light was still on; no one in his office, just ADAM sitting at his desk poring over legislation, working on issues long after every other Member of Congress had gone home. He worked very, very hard. He worked too hard. He worked harder than any man I have ever met in any field of endeavor.

I am very sorry to see him pass, because he was one of the most honest, tough, ethical people that I have ever met. He was somebody who if he had worked a little less hard could have been with us another 20 or 25 years serving this Institution and would have left a record that would have been unparalleled because of his ability to understand how this place worked and how to make it work for the issues and the beliefs that he held very dearly.

I will miss him very much, because he was a good friend of mine, and I believe the Congress and the people of this country will miss him just as much.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, I subscribe to the many wonderful statements that have been made on the untimely passing of our friend, ADAM BENJAMIN.

On the Appropriations Committee, I do not know of anyone who applied himself more closely, who was more effective and who did it with as little fanfare as did ADAM BENJAMIN. Notwithstanding all the work that he did in so many fields, if ever there was a need for a volunteer, ADAM was willing to take that on, too.

An indication of the legislative skills which ADAM developed in the Indiana Legislature is the fact that he was elected to the Appropriations Committee in 1977 within weeks of his election to Con-

gress. He selected assignments on the Legislative, Transportation, and District of Columbia Subcommittees.

ADAM was a tireless worker who soon earned the respect of his colleagues. In the 96th Congress, he was elected chairman of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee. He also served on the Transportation Subcommittee. ADAM became chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee at the beginning of the 97th Congress. Other assignments included the Energy and Water Development and Legislative Subcommittees.

So I say again that I subscribe to the many things said here and I add to it that his untimely passing leaves a void that is going to be difficult to fill. Nobody will ever take his place, actually, but it will take two or three to take up the load that he carried.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family. Although ADAM served only a relatively short time in the House of Representatives, he leaves a monument and mark here that all of us might well try to emulate.

Mr. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in paying tribute to ADAM BENJAMIN.

Our colleague, the chairman of the Appropriations Committee, summarized it well when he said that ADAM BENJAMIN did things with little fanfare. He was not a meteor out there. He was not doing things because it might make television tomorrow. He was a solid, substantial legislator, who contributed in a very meaningful way to what goes on in this body.

Our colleague, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. Bolling) was correct when he said this Institution, this House, is going to miss him.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker. I wish to join my colleague, the gentleman from Indiana, and my other friends and colleagues in expressing sympathy to the family of ADAM BENJAMIN.

We came to Congress together. He was a good friend, which of course was strengthened by the fact that he was educated in my district during his younger life.

He worked hard and he was what we call a real workhorse, as opposed to a showhorse. This Institution is all the finer because of it. This country is all the better off because of ADAM BENJAMIN.

I know that his memory will linger with us for many, many years.

Mr. GINN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for taking this time to give those of us who knew and loved ADAM BENJAMIN the opportunity to express our deepest and sincerest sympathy to his family.

Late yesterday afternoon, having lost the governorship in my State, I boarded a plane in Atlanta to return to Washington to complete my career in the Congress. I picked up a paper and opened it up and first learned of ADAM's death.

It suddenly dawned on me that all I have lost was an election, but that ADAM's wife has lost a husband. His children have lost a great father. His district and his State have lost a tremendous Representative and this Congress and this country have lost, I think, one of the finest men who ever served in this body.

I was a fellow Appropriations Subcommittee chairman with ADAM. No Member, to my knowledge, did his work more effectively, as has been pointed out, with less fanfare, but with more dignity and effectiveness than did ADAM BENJAMIN.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his family and to his district and to his State.

I think the highest compliment I can pay ADAM BENJAMIN is to say that he will truly be missed. I am a better person in having known my friend, ADAM BENJAMIN.

Mr. RITTER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to the family of ADAM BENJAMIN.

I was fortunate to get to know ADAM BENJAMIN as a member of the executive committee of the Steel Caucus and I watched him as a leader of that caucus. I listened and learned as he handled a wide variety of issues of critical importance to this Nation's steel industry. I grew to respect his ability and to admire him greatly.

It has been said that he operated without fanfare, that he was concerned with substance—that is so true. He was the kind of Congressman that we would hope for on both sides of the aisle—for the benefit of the body and for the benefit of the American people.

ADAM BENJAMIN was also a kind and affectionate human being. He did not seem to have, and if he had them, I never saw them—any partisan bones in his body. He would work with Members of this side of the aisle just as well as he would work with Members of his own party. Respect and friendship were in surplus from his fellow Members.

He will certainly be missed by his colleagues on the Steel Caucus and throughout this House. I heard some people talking the other day about what a Congressman has to do to achieve national recognition. You would think that national recognition would come to a Congressman who worked and achieved the way ADAM BENJAMIN

did. That is not exactly the way things work out, but when people ask Members of Congress who they admire and who they respect and who they would like to emulate, certainly the name of ADAM BENJAMIN would stand tall before all of us as a name to remember.

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing my condolences to the family of my dear departed friend, ADAM BENJAMIN, with whom I had the privilege of serving on the Appropriations Committee.

Like others who have expressed their admiration for ADAM today, I respected ADAM for his quiet courage and the dedicated manner in which he went about his work in service to his Nation.

I was taught as a child at my mother's knee that loyalty was the greatest virtue, and I believe that ADAM demonstrated loyalty to the people that he worked for, to the Nation that he served, and to the family that he loved. He will be dearly missed in Congress. While his lights in the office in the Cannon Building will be darkened, the light that ADAM BENJAMIN shone here in Washington will long be remembered.

Mr. McDADE. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked, as all of us were, to read of the untimely passing of our dear friend ADAM BENJAMIN. I want to join my colleagues on both sides of the aisle in paying tribute to a distinguished and dedicated Member of this body. ADAM's life will always stand as a great symbol for all of us to strive for in achieving excellence, in attempting to achieve excellence as we go about our legislative duties.

I do not know of a finer man than ADAM. ADAM was a marvelous man to deal with. He knew all the intricate details of every piece of legislation that he handled, and others.

Mr. Speaker, I used to enjoy talking with him about Hoosier hysteria and Hoosier mania and how all the teams were doing which represented that great part of this Nation, which he so ably represented. He was a fine gentleman.

I was doubly saddened to read that he had come back to town to put his son into school; to have it happen in such a way as that is the height of pain, I am sure, for he and his family.

The Nation is poorer for his loss. This House is poorer for his loss.

I want to extend my deepest condolences to his survivors and I thank the gentleman for taking the time to permit us to pause to pay tribute to a truly great American, the late ADAM BENJAMIN.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, joining in this final tribute to our colleague, Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., of the First District of Indiana, I must first indicate the deep shock which accompanied the report of his unexpected and abrupt passing.

Mr. Speaker, my association with Congressman BENJAMIN was far more intimate than that which I have experienced with most of my colleagues in this body. As a Representative in Congress from the great steel-producing area of Gary, Ind., ADAM BENJAMIN and I worked closely together as members of the Steel Caucus. ADAM's consideration of the views and interests of others and his ability to organize and apply the joint efforts of those of us who were having similar economic problems were among his special talents.

Mr. Speaker, ADAM BENJAMIN has been one of the harder working Members of the Congress who earned the respect and enjoyed the friendship of those on both sides of the political aisle. In recalling his service and his useful life in our Nation, I take this occasion also to express my respect and deep sympathy to his widow, Patricia, and to all the members of his family.

Mr. WIRTH. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my deep sorrow at the passing of our distinguished and well-loved colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN. His sudden death is a great personal loss for me and a great loss as well for the Congress and the Nation it serves.

ADAM was a legislator in every good sense of the word. His ability to move complex legislation through the House—building coalitions, crafting compromises, and giving all affected parties a fair say in the final product—exemplified the best in our democratic traditions and in our legislative process.

As we worked together closely on legislation, ADAM and I developed a friendship that has ended too soon. My heart goes out to ADAM's family and to the people of Indiana in this time of sorrow. I know that we in the House will not soon forget the contributions ADAM BENJAMIN has made to our institution and to the American people.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, like so many of my colleagues, I was stunned yesterday at the tragic news of the untimely death of my distinguished colleague and good friend from Indiana, ADAM BENJAMIN.

During the last 6 years he served in the Congress, representing the First District of Indiana, I had the opportunity to work with him, to get to know him, and I became one of his great admirers.

He was a loyal, staunch, and dedicated Member of the House of Representatives. He reflected credit on the House, for he was a tireless worker in behalf of his constituents, his State, and his beloved America.

As chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, as a member of the House Budget and Transportation Committees, as a member of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and the Democratic Caucus Committee on Party Effectiveness, and later, as a member of the Appropriations Committee and chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Appropriations Committee, he gave inspired leadership to this body which will be remembered for years to come.

He was a 1958 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, earned his law degree from Valparaiso University in 1968, and before coming to Congress, he served as a State senator in the Indiana Legislature from 1971 to 1977, and prior to that, he served as a State representative from 1967 to 1971.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing ADAM BENJAMIN as a friend and colleague deeply mourn his passing, and our hearts go out to his bereaved family. Mrs. Annunzio joins me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to ADAM's devoted wife, Patricia, and his three children, Adam III, Alison, and Arianne, on their great loss.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, I knew ADAM because we represented adjoining districts, we served together on the Steel Caucus, and we served together on the Appropriations Committee.

He was a model of what a Congressman should be.

No issue was too complex, nor constituent case too small, to escape his study. Everything that affected the lives of his constituents affected his life. He was totally dedicated to their service.

This was illustrated by his mastery of the problems of the steel industry. ADAM had a knowledge of the workers, the management, the plants, and the equipment that would have made a Wall Street analyst envious.

Why did he know these things? Because in ADAM's district the steel industry is the economic mainstay. And, to his great personal anguish, hundreds upon hundreds of steelworkers are out of work.

ADAM made their concern his own. He could have paid lip service to their plight, and probably have been seen as doing enough. But that was not ADAM. He had to learn the industry—top to bottom, inside and out—so that he would truly act in the best interests of those unemployed workers.

This is just one example of the kind of Congressman he was. There are many more.

What we have gained by his working among us is inestimable. What we have lost by his passing is clear: He was a voice of reason and conciliation, of compassion and responsibility.

I valued his counsel greatly. I will miss him every day.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the late ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., our colleague from Indiana. I know that many of the Members gathered here share my sadness at his sudden and untimely death.

ADAM BENJAMIN will long be remembered by his colleagues in the House, Indiana State legislators and local elected officials, and by more than anyone else his constituents for his tireless efforts on their behalf. The words, "dedication" and "self-sacrifice" come to the minds of his friends and associates when his name is mentioned. I was privileged to serve with ADAM on the Congressional Steel Caucus, of which he was chairman—his leadership there will be sorely missed. Known for his mastery of detail and his indepth knowledge of the problems facing steel and other heavy industries, he was an effective spokesman for the interests of the industrial Midwest.

ADAM BENJAMIN earned an engineering degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and his law degree from Valparaiso University of Indiana. As well, he lectured on the social sciences and budget studies at Georgetown University, from which he was to have been awarded a master's degree in comparative and international law. He was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1976, and has served on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees, holding the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that we mark the passing of ADAM BENJAMIN, JR. No words can fully express the emptiness we all feel and the void which he has left. Our prayers go out to his family, for we know what a loss they have suffered, and pray that God will give them strength.

Mr. HAMILTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Members for their several contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 579) on the death of the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., a Representative from the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Mr. GAYDOS. Mr. Speaker, it is both ironic and significant that ADAM BENJAMIN leaves us at this time, since the Steel Caucus is just 5 years old this month. The significance of it is that ADAM BENJAMIN was one of the originators, one of the original organizers of the Steel Caucus. He took numerous trips personally with the executive committee which he headed during the last 3 years down to the White House, with the Secretary of Commerce, and held early morning meetings for years as chairman of the executive committee.

Mr. Speaker, these are the things we do not know and do not read of.

I knew ADAM BENJAMIN personally and I do regret that I was not here when my remarks could have been made part of the Record with my colleagues in a longer timeframe.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. DE LUGO. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 579, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 9, 1982, in memory of the late ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., of Indiana.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 579, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 9, 1982, at 10 a.m.

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to lay before the House a Message from the Senate on Senate Resolution 457:

A message from the Senate by Mr. Sparrow, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 457

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., late a Representative from the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the presiding officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 579, the Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee of the late ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Hamilton of Indiana, Mr. Wright of Texas, Mr. Michel of Illinois, Mr. Myers of Indiana, Mr. Hillis of Indiana, Mr. Jacobs of Indiana, Mr. Evans of Indiana, Mr. Fithian of Indiana, Mr. Sharp of Indiana, Mr. Deckard of Indiana, Mr. Coats of Indiana, Mr. Hiler of Indiana, Mr. Boland of Massachusetts, Mr. Derwinski of Illinois, Mr. Rostenkowski of Illinois, Mr. Smith of Iowa, Mr. Ford of Michigan, Mr. Bevill of Alabama, Mr. Coughlin of Pennsylvania, Mr. Stokes of Ohio, Mr. Obey of Wisconsin, Mr. Young of Florida, Mr. Burgener of California, Mr. Jones of Oklahoma, Mr. Lehman of Florida, Mr. O'Brien of Illinois, Mr. Murtha of Pennsylvania, Mr. Traxler of Michigan, Mr. Mineta of California, Mr. Russo of Illinois, Mr. Solarz of New York, Mr. Markey of Massachusetts, Mr. Glickman of Kansas, Ms. Mikulski of Maryland, Mr. Panetta of California, Mr. Pursell of Michigan, Mr. Rahall of West Virginia, Mr. Dannemeyer of California, Mr. Donnelly of Massachusetts, Mr. Fazio of California, Mr. Gray of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lewis of California, Mr. Sabo of Minnesota, Mr. Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, and Mr. Washington of Illinois.

Mr. DE LUGO. Mr. Speaker, there was something in the character of our colleague from Gary, Ind., that reflected the burgeoning steel-mill communities of his district. ADAM BENJAMIN was a

man of steel when it came to making the difficult choices that we all must make in this body. He was a man of principle, of compassion, and a model of dedication for us all.

Many of us have our own special memories of this man, who I regarded as my friend. For me and for all the citizens of our country's territories, ADAM BENJAMIN will be remembered as a man who remembered them. Time and again, when faced with the need to control Government spending, it was politically expedient to forget that the territories are actually a part of this country and to wipe out their share of a particular Federal program. ADAM never saw things that way. His vision of the Nation was one of the whole rather than the overriding interest of a part.

We needed a man like ADAM to be our conscience and we are at a great loss with his passing. As chairman of the Congressional Territorial Caucus, I would like to extend to his family the deepest sympathy of the representatives and the people of the U.S. territories on the passing of this great man, our friend. I know that all our thoughts are with his wife, Patricia, and his children in this time of need. ADAM, we miss you.

Mr. DAUB. Mr. Speaker, as a freshman Republican Member of this House it may seem unlikely that I would have had the time or experiences to come to know ADAM BENJAMIN but in fact my brief relationship with him was one of the most pleasant and surprising experiences I have had in this body.

Earlier this year I asked ADAM BENJAMIN if a city official from Omaha and I might visit with him and his staff about a project that his subcommittee had jurisdiction over. He readily agreed and during that meeting you would have thought the public works director from Omaha and the freshman Republican Congressman were visiting dignitaries from Gary, Ind. He knowledgeably discussed the problem with us and explained the various priorities and problems that his committee faced. We received no assurances or promises during that meeting but when we left we were both supremely confident that whatever decision was made—it would be a fair one.

Later, I had an opportunity to thank ADAM for his committee having agreed to appropriate funds for this project and he told me that the merits of the situation had made the decision for him—refusing my thanks.

ADAM BENJAMIN showed me the kind of class that one would expect to see in Congress and more. Listening to the remembrances

of those who knew him far better than I it is clear that his life must have been a continuing series of impressions such as mine. As long as I will serve in this body, I shall remember the fairness and kindness that ADAM BENJAMIN showed me and I will recall how good he made me feel about this body. He was an example to all of us, not simply because he worked so hard, but because he did that work in a positive fashion, making friends all the while.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud that I had the opportunity to know ADAM BENJAMIN during the short time that we served together in this body. It is a memory that I shall keep with me and treasure.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing my terrible shock and sadness at the sudden death of our colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN.

It would be impossible to find a Member of Congress who worked harder than the soft-spoken gentleman from Indiana. ADAM was a friendly and gentle man whose conscientious attitude earned him the admiration of his colleagues and the affection of his constituents.

A graduate of West Point Military Academy who served in Korea, ADAM BENJAMIN was intensely dedicated to serving his country. In his third term as the Representative of Indiana's First District, he proved to be a skilled legislator who sought out some of the most difficult tasks in the House. His work on the Budget and Appropriations Committees, and on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and the Democratic Caucus Committee on Party Effectiveness, reflected a sincere commitment to good government.

He brought honor to this House, and he will be remembered as a man of integrity and distinguished service to the people of America. I offer my deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

Mr. GAYDOS. Mr. Speaker, as closely as I worked with our late colleague ADAM BENJAMIN on the Steel Caucus, and as much as I respected him, there is much about him I did not know because his talk was of work and not of himself.

For example, he was relentless in his search for useful knowledge and he had an unquenchable curiosity about the way things work.

But I do not know if he read philosophy.

However, I do know his approach to public life matched to the letter a maxim of a 19th century French philosopher, who said:

You can only govern men by serving them. The rule is without exception.

Around Gary and northwest Indiana they were well governed when ADAM BENJAMIN had a hand in it. And the same is true for the

executive committee of the Congressional Steel Caucus, of which he was chairman.

I do not know if ADAM BENJAMIN was a religious man.

But I do know his personal style matched word for word the admonition from Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament:

> Whatsoever thy findest to do, do it with thy might * * *.

ADAM BENJAMIN's time in the House of Representatives was marked by considerable service given with his might, which was substantial.

As a founder of the Steel Caucus, and a sustaining force, ADAM had an unspoken rule—never retreat, always advance. I do not know if he learned the rule in the Marines as an enlisted man or at West Point or as a young officer in the 101st Airborne; but he learned it well and he applied it with diligence as he moved from local government to State government to National Government and up in the National Government, always serving.

No meeting was too early for ADAM BENJAMIN and no crisis happened too late. He just was always there. It was never inconvenient for ADAM to drop what he was doing—and you never found him doing nothing—to go to the White House or the Department of Commerce or the International Trade Commission to work on a problem.

Unfailing is the only word to describe him.

One of his last official acts was to straighten out a punitive and discriminatory application to the steel industry of last month's tax bill.

He did it between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m., 1 hectic day before adjournment.

ADAM was never at a loss for long, and here he met and exceeded an ancient measure set down by the Roman historian Tacitus for judging the quality of a man:

> Reason and calm judgment are the qualities especially belonging to a leader.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a leader.

When you work day in and day out with a man, month in and month out, year in and year out, you come to understand his strength and his shortcomings.

ADAM BENJAMIN had very few flaws and they all were minor.

He had much strength, and as the Book of Proverbs says:

> Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friends.

The sharp edge of the Steel Caucus will be different because ADAM is not with us to apply his particular honing; so will that of the House; so will that of the Congress.

The highest tribute we can give him is to see that the edge is only different and not less sharp.

And most important in my mind is this: We must always advance, never retreat.

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep and abiding sense of loss that I join with my colleagues in paying a final tribute to Representative ADAM BENJAMIN. Of course, with a man like ADAM, there is no "final" ending because his caring, his concern, and his hard work have left a lasting monument and living legacy.

The man got the job done. In a quiet and unassuming way he assured, for example, that the Midwest got a fair hearing always with the Federal Government when it came to dollars and cents. He got the job done of being a Member of Congress, and done well, because he understood not only practical matters like transportation needs, but he also understood the deeper needs of a citizenry for fair representation.

I counted ADAM as a personal friend and I will miss our discussions on the plane the many times we flew together to and from Washington, D.C. I will miss knowing he is not here. He was a fine and cooperative person with whom to work as well as a loyal friend.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, what word other than shocking can one use to describe the passing of ADAM BENJAMIN. The House has lost one of its most hard-working, decent, and principled Members—and I have lost a treasured and respected friend and colleague.

In only three terms, ADAM had already been chairman of two House appropriations subcommittees. He was Chair of the Congressional Steel Caucus Executive Committee, where I worked closely with him, and to which he gave such forceful leadership.

He was a most effective Representative of the people of his district. Despite a crowded schedule, ADAM somehow made time to work on a graduate degree in law and to lecture at the Georgetown University Law Center.

ADAM offered a most fitting example of the manner in which a Member should conduct himself—principled, competent, knowledgeable, unassuming, in touch with his constituents, responsive to the national interest.

My wife, Jo, and I join together to express to ADAM's wife and children our deepest sympathies. We can only imagine the great loss they feel. They and ADAM will be in our prayers.

Mr. FARY. Mr. Speaker, as Congress reconvened from the district work period, we learned of the death of our colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN. He was a dear friend to all those whose lives he touched, and he will be sorely missed.

ADAM and I became close friends shortly after his arrival to Congress in 1976, traveling together frequently on Midway Airlines from Chicago's Southside. I think the fact that we had many things in common enabled us to develop a quick and lasting friendship. We were both Democrats who represented a Midwestern district, and had a long record of public service in our respective State legislatures. We were both keenly interested in transportation issues, he as chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee and I, as a member of the House Public Works and Transportation Committee. ADAM, along with Congressman Glenn Anderson, then chairman of the Aviation Subcommittee, was instrumental in helping restore airline service to Midway Airport located in my congressional district in Chicago.

The true testament to ADAM though, is that aside from any common interests, he could befriend anyone. ADAM was an approachable, sensitive, warm person who genuinely liked people, regardless of their ideology or party affiliation. I am sure that is exactly how he became such a successful and respected leader in his community.

Coupled with his personal charm, ADAM was also one of the most tireless, dedicated workers of this body. The stories of his late night and weekend work hours have almost become legend in his relatively short tenure here. The industry and commitment which he brought to his job will be hard to match for many years by those of us remaining. As if the role of a Congressman were not demanding enough, ADAM still found the time and energy to better himself by attending Georgetown for a masters of law degree. I trust that our House leaders and fellow Members recognized immediately this inherent perseverance and dependability, when ADAM was awarded a seat on the powerful Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Speaker, this body is composed of a variety of Members who span a broad range of stature. I am sure, with time, it will become evident that ADAM BENJAMIN made his mark as a giant amongst us. I offer my heartfelt condolences to his entire family.

Mr. ANDERSON. Mr. Speaker, earlier this week we were shocked to learn of the untimely death of one of this Chamber's most dedicated and hardest-working Members, the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

In the three short terms ADAM BENJAMIN served in Congress, he proved himself to be one of this body's most skilled and effective legislators. Members on both sides of the aisle will agree that ADAM was one who did not constantly strive for attention from the media when he tackled the many problems we face today. He simply worked diligently at his desk and quietly looked for results. ADAM was one who took a position on an issue—no matter what the press or anyone else thought about it—and kept pushing that idea along till it could go no further. Many here quickly learned that if you had ADAM BENJAMIN on your side it made your job much, much simpler.

Born in Gary, Ind., ADAM attended the public schools before graduating from Kemper Military School. From there, he entered the U.S. Marine Corps. In 1958, he earned an engineering degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Soon thereafter he entered the Army and served through 1961. ADAM went on to receive a law degree in 1966 from Indiana's Valparaiso University. At the time of his death, ADAM was working on a masters degree in comparative international law at Georgetown University.

Prior to his work in Congress, ADAM first served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1967–71. After this, he continued to move up the ladder with his election to the State senate. He served in this capacity through 1977.

In November 1976, ADAM began the first of his three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives as the lawmaker of Indiana's First Congressional District. Those familiar with this tough, blue collar, heavily industrialized area know that its residents made a wise decision when they sent ADAM to Washington to represent their views.

Upon his arrival in our Nation's Capital, ADAM received two highly critical committee assignments: Appropriations and Budget. Also, he was chairman of both the executive committee of the Congressional Steel Caucus and the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. ADAM also found the time to sit on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee and the Democratic Caucus' Committee on Party Effectiveness.

As chairman of the Surface Transportation Subcommittee, I have had the unique opportunity and privilege to work closely with ADAM on a number of projects in the field of public transit. Anyone the

least bit familiar with his work in this area recognized that ADAM was an absolute champion in advocating the need for a strong national transit system. ADAM fought hard for many important transit projects, not only in Gary but also in the entire State of Indiana. At the same time, however, he had the foresight needed to look at the situation on a national scale and take appropriate action. His ability to comprehend the enormous problems which face our Nation's highways, bridges, and ports should not be overlooked. ADAM's insight, wisdom, and fortitude will sorely be missed through the end of this 97th Congress and beyond.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Lee joins me in expressing our heartfelt condolences to ADAM's wife, Patricia, and their three children, Adam III, Alison, and Arianne.

Mr. NOWAK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of deep sadness that I join today in paying tribute to and mourning the loss of our hard-working, affable colleague from Indiana, Representative ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

I had the opportunity to work closely with ADAM BENJAMIN in two major areas in recent years: Problems confronting our domestic steel industry and funding for mass transit systems.

As a member of the executive committee of the Congressional Steel Caucus, I had a firsthand view of ADAM's leadership abilities. While chairman of the executive committee he was relentless in efforts to probe the problems of this vital domestic industry and to seek remedial action by drawing attention to those problems in executive committee sessions and special orders here on the floor.

In his capacity as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, ADAM was a strong supporter of mass transit improvements. On several occasions, he was most helpful to our efforts in Buffalo, N.Y., to provide sustained Federal funding for construction of a light rail transit line in our city.

While he was diligent in carrying out his leadership responsibilities, ADAM BENJAMIN wore the mantle of leadership lightly, never too busy to listen to a colleague or lend a hand if he possibly could. ADAM BENJAMIN's leadership and friendship will be missed in this Congress and I join in expressing sympathy to his family.

WEDNESDAY, *September 15, 1982.*

The House met at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka, Bishop, Diocese of Gary, Gary, Ind., offered the following prayer:

It was your confrere, ADAM BENJAMIN of northwest Indiana, who arranged for my prayerful presence here today. He earnestly looked forward to being present at this invocation. His sudden departure for the haven of souls forever vetoed all his plans along with this one.

ADAM is now in the presence of Him whose flawless way of legislating will make ADAM glow with everlasting delight. We who knew ADAM, the indefatigable, can be sure that ADAM will keep finding ways to focus the favorable attention of the Lord upon all his congressional constituents, his House confreres, his Hoosier State, and national projects, and especially on his beloved family.

If ADAM were permitted to address us now as a messenger from the haven of souls, he would emphatically plead that his confreres allow the Lord, God, to anticipate their plans and deliberations with His divine inspiration and further them with the brightness of His wisdom along with the power of His grace.

ADAM's own religious orthodoxy, now divinely enlightened, would prompt him to voice a thunderous agreement to the following words and sentiments:

Father, Creator of unfailing light, let that light shine through these Members of Congress. Let their voices resound with praises of You; let their lives proclaim Your goodness and their accomplishments give You honor.

Considerate Lord, You have favored our Nation like no other. In grateful response let it earnestly seek to be friendly with all other nations and ever strive to be kind and benevolent, even to nations that may sorely try it.

Merciful God, our country and many other countries are presently in a state of considerable imbalance and in need of an equilibrium—one that demands incentives, examples, and stabilizations.

Grant, O Lord, the Members of Congress, the patience, prudence, and perseverance to bring about this equilibrium.

Let the reechoing of our recitation of "one Nation under God" and "the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave" bring us all closer to each other and ever nearer and dearer to God. Amen.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, our guest Chaplain today is the Most Reverend Andrew G. Grutka, bishop of Gary, Ind.

Mr. Speaker, much I would give not to be standing in this spot today. Our dearly departed colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, had joyfully planned to be in this place at this moment to express his gratitude to the good bishop for coming here and opening the House with his

prayer. But ADAM is not here today. He is in a much better place; he is in heaven.

Bishop Grutka recently celebrated his 25th anniversary in Gary. I can see ADAM's warm smile about this occasion.

The House of Representatives, I am sure, expresses its profound gratitude to Bishop Grutka for coming here at this important time in the emotional experience of this institution, and we thank him for his kindly prayer on behalf of our departed colleague.

Mr. Speaker, Edwin Markham wrote, on the death of Abraham Lincoln:

> And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
> As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
> Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
> And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

ADAM BENJAMIN has passed from the sounds of our voices, and he has left a lonesome place in this Chamber that will last for a long, long time. Those who loved ADAM here—and I think without exception that describes every Member of the House of Representatives who ever served with ADAM and the others who toil with us in the Nation's Capital—will feel the lonesome place tomorrow and tomorrow again.

Mr. Speaker, as part of my remarks I am including editorials from two Indianapolis newspapers.

[From the Indianapolis News, Sept. 8, 1982]

ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

For anyone who follows Indiana politics, news of the untimely death of First District Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., comes as shocking and sad news.

During his tenure with both the Indiana General Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives, the 47-year-old Lake County Democrat was regarded as a legislator's legislator by colleagues on both sides of the political aisle.

A West Point graduate proud of his Assyrian heritage, BENJAMIN was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1966, where he was named outstanding freshman Democratic representative at the conclusion of his first term. He won reelection to the Indiana Senate, where he served until 1976.

BENJAMIN is regarded as one of the most conscientious legislators of the legislature. He not only was the only State legislator since former Senator Russell Bontrager, Republican, Elkhart, to read every bill crossing his desk, BENJAMIN scrutinized the legislation with a lawyer's eye and was quick to spot a loophole, an error, or a legislative wolf in sheep's clothing.

His crowning piece of legislation was undoubtedly the 1975 Medical Malpractice Act. Working around the clock, BENJAMIN achieved what many thought impossible by creating a consensus among lawyers, doctors, and insurance carriers on how to avert soaring malpractice insurance premiums while still protecting legitimate claims by medical consumers. That legislation still stands as a model for other States.

In 1976, BENJAMIN successfully challenged incumbent Congressman Ray Madden for the First District seat in the Democratic primary. When he went to Congress, BENJAMIN was quickly recognized as one of the brightest of the crop of "Watergate class" freshmen and was named chairman of the Legislative Branch Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

He won landslide reelections in 1978 and 1980. Political observers here and in Washington predicted that as his seniority increased so would his rise to top leadership positions.

In an age of media politicians, BENJAMIN was a rarity. Prematurely balding, wearing wing-tipped shoes too large for his height, BENJAMIN advanced not on charisma but on intelligence, hard work, perseverance and genuine warmth. Those shoes will be hard to fill.

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ADAM BENJAMIN

The quick mind, cheerful industry, and warm humanity of Rep. ADAM BENJAMIN were taken too early from the Indiana scene. The promise of greater accomplishment was strong.

Those who knew this extraordinary man will give thanks even while they mourn his death at 47. His delight in working at what he saw as the public interest was unquenchable and often contagious.

The Star joins thousands of others in extending sympathy to the family of the Congressman. It is easy and true to say that he worked too hard; yet that characteristic was a product of vision, an enormous curiosity that led to conviction about what needed to be done—and what realistically could be achieved.

In the Indiana General Assembly his service in both House and Senate was marked by unsurpassed mastery of the content of bills before Members. Many a proposal which got a searching second glance from him ended with an important amendment, or went down to defeat, because of the power of his clear and compelling debate. "The great amender," they called him, a term that echoed both affection and respect from both sides of the aisle.

Truly he was driven by a desire for accomplishing good, and surely many millions benefited. In Congress he worked with passion to advance the interests of his district, including the steel industry, and he brought benefits to rail transportation in Indiana.

When a newspaper asked his platform in his successful 1976 run for Congress, BENJAMIN answered, in part, with this statement: "Reduction of the size and improvement of the effectiveness in all levels of government; making all government officials accountable for their expenditure of public funds."

Nominated by the Democrats over incumbent union friend Ray Madden,

he was denied endorsement that fall by the State AFL–CIO, a serious thing in Lake County. It was the first time that had happened to a Democrat for Congress in the merged group's history—perhaps because he had been lawyer for a steelworker in a suit against his union. But three steelworker locals backed him.

BENJAMIN's nearly unsleeping eye for detail in budgets and flaws in bills promised much further good on the Washington scene.

ADAM BENJAMIN came from one of the smallest of the minorities that make up the bewildering ethnic patchwork of the Calumet, the Assyrians. West Point graduate, Marine, Army paratrooper, attorney, and friend of thousands, he was a comet of the still broad, still inviting American sky of opportunity for those who will strive.

Mr. DECKARD. Mr. Speaker, the sorrow that all of us have felt over the passing of ADAM BENJAMIN weighs heavily still today.

ADAM was a man who, to a degree rare in public life, earned the deep respect of all who knew him. It was my honor and pleasure to have had his friendship since 1967, when he and I were first elected to the Indiana Legislature. Since that time, more than any other person I have known, he exemplified the ideals of public service.

The grief of his family is, of course, beyond measure, but only those who knew of ADAM's work can know how profound is the Nation's loss as well.

In all matters ADAM BENJAMIN was a man of honor and humanity. He was my friend and I will miss him greatly.

Ms. FERRARO. Mr. Speaker, sometimes, when I think about the composition of this House, and the divergent backgrounds and interests of the Members, I am amazed at how much is accomplished. What makes it possible for us to get things done is the willingness of Members to make the effort necessary to understand the problems facing Americans from areas which differ from their own. That kind of cooperation is the essence of governing in a Nation as large and diverse as ours.

The death of ADAM BENJAMIN deprives this House of a man who exemplified the best of this spirit of cooperation and the willingness to understand other people's problems. On several occasions, I had the opportunity to discuss with this gentleman from Indiana transportation issues of special concern to New York City. I was consistently gratified at the effort he made to understand the problem and craft an effective solution. It was just obvious that he really cared, that he was really dedicated to helping people and making things work.

It may sound corny, but there is no other way to say it—ADAM BENJAMIN was a truly nice man. I will miss him, and this House will miss him.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to a great American whom we in the House had the honor and privilege of serving with. ADAM BENJAMIN was a dedicated Member of Congress in the few short years that he was here. It may even seem inappropriate that I might mention the fact that, to many who criticize, to many who make light of the efforts of the Members of Congress, I think ADAM BENJAMIN would probably exemplify the fact that the dedicated Members, the 99.9 percent of the Members of the House who serve and serve well, work with such diligence and such ardor that, for some of them, as I think it was for ADAM BENJAMIN, eventually it caused his death—the long hours and the work and the frustration many times that we have as we serve.

He was not only dedicated to his constituency. I am very happy to recall the many times that he, in his very important position as chairman of the Subcommittee on Appropriations, was helpful to many of his colleagues, not only in passing legislation, not only in assisting with their problems, but with counsel and advice in areas of interest to the individual Member. He was one who would never say "no" to time request, to request for counsel or request for advice. Having served his country in the armed service, as well, he again offered his service to his country in the legislative field.

I know that the people of Indiana and the people in his constituency will miss him because of his dedication and his effort in their behalf.

I would like to mention a personal note concerning a young man in his constituency who was killed in Vietnam, a young man who, by accident, happens to share the same name of de la Garza. ADAM BENJAMIN visited me about that and became so interested in the fact that here was this young man, in the prime of his life, who had served and who had lost his life in Vietnam. His interest in looking into the events that led to the young man's untimely death eventually resulted in the posthumous awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Emilio de la Garza of East Chicago, Ind., and it was, I am convinced, through the efforts of ADAM BENJAMIN, feeling that this young man had performed above and beyond the call of duty, and this was, of course, verified by the respective chains of command that that type of award has to go through. He was

very proud and happy that he had done this. But he was that kind of a man who would work with a Member on one of his problems, but yet the lowliest of his constituents were as important to him in his efforts as he legislated and as he counseled and as he served their needs as far as the Government is concerned.

So I join with my colleagues, in that we will miss ADAM BENJAMIN, but this House and this country will be the better for his having served here. Of course, we extend to his family and to his friends and to his constituency our heartfelt condolences. But we are satisfied that his service will make this a better country and make this a better House of Representatives.

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to thank our colleagues in the Indiana congressional delegation for providing the Members this opportunity to pay tribute to a fine man, and a wonderful Member of this body, ADAM BENJAMIN, who passed away last week.

It was not only an honor to come to Congress at the same time as ADAM, but it was a pleasure to have him as a next-door neighbor on the fourth floor of the Cannon House Office Building.

The point has been made on a number of times already, but I would like to stress again, that a night did not go by—or for that matter many weekends—that ADAM BENJAMIN was not in his office well into the evening and early mornings. A showhorse he was not—but most definitely a workhorse he was.

Perhaps his physical stature did not match his personality, of a warm and decent man who saw concerns and needs of people that had to be met and he worked tirelessly to improve their situations.

He served on the Appropriations Committee with great distinction, and led its Subcommittee on Transportation with great skill. But even more importantly I believe, he was the driving force behind the Congressional Steel Caucus.

It was due to ADAM's able leadership of the Steel Caucus that it became a power and positive force for an industry that has long been a foundation of America's economy. Not only did his district, which centered around the steel city of Gary, benefit from his efforts in this area, but the entire Nation benefited as well. As a Representative from one of the Nation's largest coal producing regions—coal that is used to produce steel—I was well aware of ADAM's positive impact in this area.

Men like ADAM BENJAMIN come along once in a great while. When they are gone, they are deeply missed. I know that I can

safely say that ADAM BENJAMIN will be deeply missed by his family, his friends, and his colleagues here in the House of Representatives.

Mrs. KENNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I was stunned to learn last week of the tragic and untimely death of our colleague, Representative ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

While I have only been a Member of Congress a short time, I have been here long enough to realize that ADAM BENJAMIN was a remarkable man. He was remarkable not only because he was extremely hard working and intelligent, but because he combined his obvious talents with a warm and gracious personality and a genuine concern for helping others.

I became acquainted with ADAM soon after I was elected to Congress. I had requested a meeting with him to discuss an important transportation problem in my district. Although I was the newest Member of the House, I could not have been accorded greater courtesy or respect than if I had been the Speaker himself. In all of my dealings with ADAM, he was straightforward and modest, low key and persuasive.

I will miss ADAM very much and wish to extend to his family my deepest sympathies.

Mr. EVANS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be able to participate in this special order for ADAM BENJAMIN this evening, and it is true, as so many people both on the floor of the House and really throughout this Nation, particularly in his home State of Indiana, have stated so often in the last week that ADAM had a tremendous impact on this Nation, on his district, and that he had and was living already a very bright future here in Congress.

Those statements are true; but even more, ADAM was really the leading force in northwestern Indiana in trying to revitalize that area of our State economically, in terms of jobs for the citizens of ADAM's own district and those of several surrounding congressional districts.

It is seldom that we see Members of the House, I think, take that kind of a leading role in terms of increasing the economic strength of their own congressional districts to the extent that ADAM did.

Often I would be working in my office until 11 or 12 at night and, as has already been stated again many times, ADAM would be working in his office until the wee hours of the morning; but sometimes we would take a break and walk up the street to perhaps get a sandwich.

I know when I walked to my apartment only a block away from ADAM's last Wednesday night, and then when I walked back to my

office on Thursday morning, I walked past ADAM's apartment knowing that I was not going to see him again, to be able to share that walk back to the office nor to walk back and forth from the Cannon Building's fourth floor with ADAM to the floor of the House or back to our offices after we had an opportunity to vote.

I think ADAM was certainly one of the most open and most friendly of Members of the U.S. Congress that I have ever had the privilege of knowing here in my 8 years. He would do anything that he possibly could to help a colleague. I know he did so repeatedly for me and for many others.

Just this afternoon I stopped by his congressional office and in closing up that particular office suite on the fourth floor of the Cannon Building, his staff was still hard at work for constituents back home. I know he had that kind of a dedicated staff not only in his Washington office but in his district office and also among his subcommittee staff of the Transportation Subcommittee.

ADAM's loss certainly is a loss in my opinion that will never be replaced in terms of magnitude or quality here on the floor of the House again. I know that his family, his friends, his colleagues, his district, his State, his Nation have suffered a tremendous loss, and as I and my wife, Darlene, were driving to ADAM's funeral last Friday morning from Indianapolis, I heard a song being sung on the car radio and simply its title was, "Thank you for Being a Friend." That is what I would like to say at this time, ADAM. Thank you for being a friend.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker:

"I shall do nothing out of malice. What I deal in is too vast for malice."

The words are those of Abraham Lincoln. They might have been descriptive words of our colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, as well.

ADAM was a workaholic, who strangely and maybe miraculously never seemed to be in a hurry. He always had time. He always had time to be stopped on the street, to be stopped in the Chamber. He always seemed to have a relaxed gait.

Another quotation from Lincoln is:

"I have not willingly planted a thorn in any man's bosom."

That is an adequate description of the kindliness of our dear departed colleague.

It has been said that ADAM served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an enlisted man. Later he accepted an appointment to West Point and did his State and his country honor as a student there and still later served in the U.S. Army as an officer in the 101st with great distinction.

He came home to Indiana; back home again in Indiana he got through law school, practiced law for a while, sniffed out the political fever and went down to Indianapolis from Gary to represent his community in the State legislature. There is something sort of Lincolnesque about this.

ADAM very quickly as a freshman representative developed a reputation about which much has been said in the past week or so for reading every bill. Now, most of us will tell you that is physically impossible, it is; so another miracle by ADAM BENJAMIN.

He helped other legislators by pointing out errors in their legislation, but always in a kindly way, so that I do not know of anybody who knows of anybody else who ever took offense at his suggestions for improvement.

Later he became a State senator in Indiana and served with the same distinction. It did not make any difference whether it was the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce as a representative or whether as a representative of the AFL–CIO or the Auto Workers, the acclaim was always the same: "He is decent. He is informed. He is industrious. He is a good guy." Nobody did not like ADAM BENJAMIN.

We went to the funeral the other day near Gary, Ind., on Friday and we saw a beautiful ceremony. Our colleague, Mr. Hamilton from Indiana, gave a sterling tribute, which will appear in the Record, I believe. Others spoke as well. The ceremony was beautiful, reassuring, comforting.

The 45 or so House Members who formed the delegation, including Members who are in the Chamber now, that attended the ceremony went there with a special kind of pain that comes with the unanticipated loss of a dear friend.

We can almost see ADAM walking on to this floor from that corner of the Chamber even now, always with a grin or a smile.

We went there, and the ceremony, I think, did a lot of good for a lot of people who attended it. At the graveside there, there were the two little girls, ADAM's daughters, and the young man, Adam Benjamin III, who had come here so recently to Washington, D.C., to be enrolled over at Georgetown Prep, no doubt looking forward to this marvelous time through those difficult teenage years with his father to guide him. That will not be possible at all now. Others will help him, I am sure; but there was the widow, Patricia, a study in dignity and strength. As she sat by the graveside, the young man, Adam Benjamin III, stood there and somehow the two of them reminded us of nothing so much as the sad occasion of the death of

John F. Kennedy, when the widow showed such dignity and such leadership, really, in sorrow for the Nation and when little John-John stood at attention and saluted his father's casket as it passed by. There was Adam Benjamin III. He never sat down at the graveside. He stood erect, the son of a soldier, next to his mother, lending strength to her. He will go on where his father leaves off, without a doubt.

Then, as our colleague from Indiana has pointed out, the staff from the congressional office which ADAM had so nobly and well led was there, and as our colleague, Mr. Evans, has pointed out, that staff continues to do the work of the district. And they were hurt. They were hurt very hard.

I believe that the ceremony and the strength of Mrs. Benjamin, ADAM's widow, gave them strength to carry on as they are quite nobly.

Now, for anyone who may read this Record 1 year from now or 10 or 100 years from now and suspect that this is dutiful rhetoric by colleagues who are expected to do that, let me give you a quote from Will Rogers who was ill once. He emerged from the hospital to say:

"People couldn't have been any nicer to me if I had died."

We expect grand and wonderful things to be said even of us when we pass on by our friends and by our colleagues, and that usually happens. I do not mean those words are empty. I just mean to say that the same words that you will read in cold print 100 years from now or however long, whichever scholar we are addressing henceforth in this Record, and before it all is chiseled in stone and becomes cold, unquick and unlifelike and unwarm, know this: That the same things that you will read in this Record now were on the record every day that ADAM was here, on the record from his friends to one another, to him. His appreciation did not begin with his untimely death. It was there and very much a part of him and very much a part of us throughout his career and throughout the time that we were privileged to know and be inspired by him.

Mr. YATRON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join with my colleagues here today to honor a friend and fellow Member of the House of Representatives, ADAM BENJAMIN.

For almost 6 years, Congressman BENJAMIN was a talented, able, and effective legislator whose accomplishments will be long remembered by the people of northwest Indiana, and by us who've had the privilege to serve with him. Without a doubt, he was respected and

admired by his colleagues in the House, regardless of their party affiliation or political inclination.

I had the opportunity to serve with ADAM BENJAMIN on the Congressional Steel Caucus, which he founded. I was able to witness and appreciate his many unique legislative skills. He was truly one of the driving forces behind legislative initiatives to resolve the problems facing America's steel industry, and he worked indefatigably to resuscitate this critical sector of our economy.

I am shocked and deeply saddened by the loss of this great man. ADAM BENJAMIN's tenure will continue to be an example to me and to others, of what dedicated public service really means. It goes without saying that he will be greatly missed by all of us in this body.

Mr. ROBERTS of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, ADAM BENJAMIN passing brings to mind my service in South Dakota's Senate and the few months I have been privileged to serve in this House. Regardless of partisanship, Americans are looking earnestly for elected representatives who will work with diligence and integrity. ADAM BENJAMIN typified those qualities. His career and the potential he had in Congress spoke eloquently of the honor and duty he felt serving here.

In his freshman term, ADAM BENJAMIN was entrusted with the unenviable task of chairing the Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee. In a body that will give itself a backdoor pay increase at the drop of a hat, Mr. BENJAMIN consistently showed an interest for sensible projects and care for the public purse. Throughout his career, his friendliness and generosity matched his ethical quality.

It will be impossible to replace ADAM BENJAMIN with a House Member of equal intelligence, dedication, and ethics. This body will miss him in the extreme, and our country is at a serious loss.

I am sure you would join me, as my colleagues, in hoping that other men like ADAM BENJAMIN continue to come our way.

Mr. PEYSER. Mr. Speaker, I know we all share a sense of great loss with the sudden and untimely passing of our colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN. There was no one in the Congress more devoted to serving the people of this country and doing the very best job that he could than ADAM. He was a good friend and will be deeply missed by all of us.

Mr. HILLIS. Mr. Speaker, it is always difficult to accept the death of a friend, particularly when that death is sudden and without warning. When I first heard that my friend ADAM BENJAMIN had died, I

felt a great sense of personal loss. In the last week and a half, since his passing, I have thought a lot about ADAM and realize that my loss is more than just a personal one. As a legislative body the House of Representatives has lost a great legislator and leader.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a legislator's legislator. A Congressman's Congressman. He exemplified what we should all like to believe a Congressman to be. He served his constituency and protected their interests with great vigor. Perhaps his work in forming the Steel Caucus best illustrated his efforts to work for the interests of his constituents.

For those of us who were lucky enough to know ADAM BENJAMIN before he was elected to the Congress, his record of excellence here came as no surprise. I first met ADAM when we served in the Indiana House of Representatives together. When ADAM became chairman of an Appropriations Committee subcommittee in just his second term in the House, it came as no surprise. When he formed the Steel Caucus to work toward solving the problems of the steel industry which is so important to his district, it came as no surprise.

Whenever you talk about ADAM BENJAMIN the one word most often used to describe him is honest. He was that and much more. He was generous with his time and friendship. He cared deeply about his fellow man and used his influence in the Congress to better their lives. ADAM was an effective Member. His energy was endless in working for passage of bills he felt important to his constituents. But regardless of how busy he was or how full his schedule, ADAM would alway find time to talk to you if you needed advice, or if you needed help, or just a friend to pass a few minutes with.

No Member of Congress is absolutely irreplaceable. However, the passing of ADAM BENJAMIN creates a great void in the House. It will be a long time before we will again be blessed with someone with the unique qualities of ADAM BENJAMIN.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife Patricia, and his children, Adam, Alison, and Arianne. My prayers are with them at this difficult time.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my shock and great dismay at the untimely death of our colleague, the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN of Indiana. When anyone dies at age 47, it is a distinct waste and is particularly sad because of the years that are lost. In the case of ADAM, the loss is not only a personal one for

family and friends who knew and loved him, there is a distinct and tragic loss to the Nation. ADAM BENJAMIN was the sort of man who would have been returned to serve in this House for another two or three decades. The benefits to our Nation will never be recovered, no matter how well a successor may serve.

It is no surprise to anyone who knew him that ADAM did so well during his time in the House. His West Point training stood him in good stead for his was a logical and comprehensive mind, able to grasp concepts quickly and to devise solutions where others saw no hope. He was a straightforward, sincere man whose word was indeed his bond, and who knew when to charge and when to stand firm. And we who were his colleagues on the House Appropriations Committee saw his intense determination to master subjects and to put his imprint on legislation.

Very few Members become subcommittee chairmen in their second term in the House. ADAM was one of those. He assumed the chairmanship of the Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee and he quickly became the most knowledgeable member of the committee in that area. We were seeing the same thing with transportation appropriations at the time of his death. Another year or so and there would have been few people in this country who would have known as much about the country's transportation system as he would have.

ADAM had one quality that always stood him in good measure—he was fair. If he had a problem with something you wanted, he said so, and if it were possible to persuade him differently, you would always have the opportunity to try. We, in New York City, had some squabbles with ADAM in recent months about subway cars but there was never a time during that long battle when he did not provide either the New York delegation or the city's representatives opportunities to present their side of the matter.

I could say a number of things about ADAM because I worked closely with him during the years he served here, and he was a personable companion as well as a good friend. But if I had to summarize in just a few words about how I felt about him, I would tell anyone who wanted to know that this country needs more Adam Benjamins. So does this Congress.

I know that the sadness that we feel in this House is nothing compared to the sense of loss felt in his house by his wife Pat, his son Adam III, and daughters Alison and Arianne. My sympathies to all of them and to all of his many friends and supporters of Gary, Ind.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN, whose untimely death over the Labor Day weekend was a shock to us all.

Although ADAM served in the House only three terms, his achievements during this short time were notable. His efforts on the Appropriations and Budget Committees were well known and highly respected.

The people of the First District, too, benefited immeasurably from his tireless efforts on their behalf.

The distinction with which ADAM BENJAMIN served in the U.S. Congress, was a natural continuation of his lifetime of dedicated public service. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and the Army, a member of the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate, were significant chapters in his life, providing him with the challenges and commitments he sought.

All those who had the opportunity to know ADAM and to work with him, have to be saddened by the shortness of his life, but impressed with its richness.

He will be missed by his colleagues, his constituents, his family, and his friends.

Mrs. Rhodes joins me in extending sincere sympathy to Mrs. Benjamin and his son, Adam, and daughters, Alison and Arianne.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened by the death of my colleague and close friend, ADAM BENJAMIN, JR. His untimely death is an immense loss to the Congress, to Indiana, and to the country.

I had the pleasure of working with ADAM on numerous occasions, particularly in our struggle to reverse the erosion of the American steel industry. In only his third term, ADAM had moved to the forefront of this important issue. His dedication to the elimination of the burdens on unemployed workers in the United States was unsurpassed.

ADAM's hard work and integrity gained him the respect of Members on both sides of the aisle. Through his knowledge and determination, he quickly rose to the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Appropriations Committee. ADAM's political career seemed limitless, and I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him. I wish to extend my sincerest sympathies to his family and let them know that my thoughts and prayers are with them.

Mr. SAM B. HALL, JR. Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult to imagine a more sad and tragic event than the untimely passing of our dear friend ADAM BENJAMIN. He was one of the most devoted, hard-working people you would ever hope to meet, and it is the greatest possible honor for me to be able to say that he was my friend. More important, he was a friend of every working man and woman in this country.

Our colleague, Joe Gaydos, summed it up best in his eulogizing statement when he said of ADAM BENJAMIN: "Unfailing is the only word for him."

ADAM was a fighter. He could roll up his sleeves and take charge as well as any person imaginable. He loved this country, and he believed fervently that people ought to have jobs, good jobs, and productive jobs.

When America's steel industry fell on difficult times, ADAM BENJAMIN jumped into the fray. He was intrumental in setting up the Steel Caucus, and the American steel industry will forever be in his debt.

Several weeks ago the terrible plight of our domestic steel industry hit my congressional district like a bombshell when Lone Star Steel was forced to lay off some 4,000 of the hardest working people to be found anywhere on the globe. I knew then that as long as friends and colleagues like ADAM BENJAMIN existed we would fight this thing together, that we would push for any and all measures to rescue America's steel from unfair, outrageous foreign competition. His loss hurts our cause, but what he started is sufficient incentive to press on.

To his family I can only say that ADAM made this a better Congress. He had a positive influence on all of us, and we ask to share in your grief.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Indiana for reserving this time to pay tribute to our colleague ADAM BENJAMIN. With his untimely death the First District of Indiana and the country lost a dedicated and effective Representative, his wife and children have lost a devoted family man, this body has lost one of its most able and hard-working legislators and I have lost a very good friend.

I had the honor and privilege to serve with ADAM on the executive committee of the Budget and Appropriations Committee. Whether we were tackling the macroeconomic problems of formulating a budget resolution, or grappling with how best to handle the problem

of subsidized steel imports, ADAM always knew the issue and could offer constructive suggestions, if not always the solution.

ADAM achieved his success and derived the respect of his colleagues in large part because of his sense of fairness and his ability to compromise. He embodied Edmund Burke's philosophy of good government and that was that "All government—indeed every benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act—is founded on compromise and barter."

ADAM's reputation as a tireless worker was well known among all of his colleagues. Few could compare with him for the sheer energy and intensity he brought to his job. He was one of the most knowledgeable legislators, both on the procedures of the House and the substance of the issues debated.

We who know and worked with ADAM have learned from his example. We can all be proud of the image and example set by our late colleague.

ADAM exemplified the best of politics and politicians. He believed strongly in this Institution and in our system of representative government.

He had already made a distinguished name and career for himself and had a bright future before him which was tragically cut short.

Thinking of ADAM, I am reminded of FDR's views on politicians and I quote:

"The future lies with those wise political leaders who realize that the great public is interested more in Government than in politics."

For the great public and ADAM's memory we should all try to follow the fine example of politician, legislator, leader, and human being that ADAM BENJAMIN left in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Those of us whose lives he touched are all richer for the experience and ADAM will be sorely missed by us all.

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply, deeply saddened by the death of our friend and colleague from Indiana, ADAM BENJAMIN.

Not only in the House of Representatives but also as a representative and senator in the Indiana State Legislature, and in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army, ADAM BENJAMIN gave of himself generously. ADAM was a hard worker, an extremely diligent and conscientious man, who devoted his life to public service.

ADAM always had a ready smile and a warm hello. His perseverance and industriousness were never harsh; rather, he displayed an

easygoing attitude, and went out of his way to accommodate his colleagues. His work for Hoosiers and for national concerns was carried out with insight and care.

A concerned and effective legislator, ADAM BENJAMIN had a truly remarkable career. To his wife, Patricia, and his children, Adam, Alison, and Arianne, I offer my deepest condolences. As an earnest, industrious lawmaker and a true friend, he will be sadly missed.

Mr. DONNELLY. Mr. Speaker, I join in mourning the death of our colleague and friend, ADAM BENJAMIN. This House and this country are richer for ADAM's years of service, and we are substantially poorer for his untimely passing.

I had the privilege of sitting next to ADAM for the last 2 years on the Budget Committee, and I was awed by his capacity for long hours of hard work and his mastery of detail. He brought the same tireless dedication to every task he undertook.

ADAM enjoyed his work in the House. He was a skillful legislator who took as his reward an intense personal satisfaction from doing his job well for the benefit of his district and his country. He was content to work quietly, without generating headlines or attracting the television cameras. He was not the kind of Congressman whose name is a household word outside his district, but he was precisely the kind of Congressman more people should have known about. His diligence and integrity and ability brought credit to this historic institution.

ADAM BENJAMIN earned my unqualified respect as a Congressman, I am fortunate to be able to say he was also a dear friend. I join ADAM's friends and colleagues in expressing my condolences to his family.

Mr. COELHO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I join my colleagues in paying a final tribute to a highly respected and greatly admired colleague and friend, ADAM BENJAMIN. Through his diligent work and highly respected ideals he earned the admiration and respect that only those possessed with such a strong sense of commitment and dedication obtain. It is with a great sense of pride that I recall that ADAM visited my district in California several years ago, for which I am grateful. For me his death has left not only the professional loss felt for a distinguished colleague, but also a great loss for those people in his district in Indiana he so well represented, as well as personal grief for a cherished and esteemed

friend. With these thoughts in mind, I wish to extend my deepest and most sincere sympathies to his wife and family.

Mr. CORRADA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sadness that I join today in paying tribute to a good friend and colleague, the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN. ADAM's untimely death last week will be deeply felt by all of us who knew him well and called him our friend.

We were both first elected to the Congress in 1976 and as Members of the 95th Congress New Members Caucus became good friends. ADAM was a conscientious and hard-working Member who faithfully represented the interests of his constituents and his Nation. As chairman of the Subcommittee on Transportation of the Committee on Appropriations, ADAM was deeply interested in the problem of mass transit and the need for long and careful planning tailored to meet the needs of a growing Nation.

ADAM always showed great interest and concern about Puerto Rico and was very helpful to me on numerous occasions. He will be sorely missed and we all have lost a good and faithful friend.

My wife Beatriz joins me in expressing our deep sympathy to Patricia Benjamin and to their three children. My prayers are with them for the eternal rest of a proud native of Indiana, Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN.

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I join today in expressing deep sadness in the untimely passing of our colleague from Indiana, ADAM BENJAMIN.

Because our offices were near, I got to know ADAM well over the past 20 months. We would often walk together to come to the House Chamber to vote. From our conversations during those times together, I gained a respect for ADAM BENJAMIN as a dedicated, conscientious Member of Congress who worked hard and long hours for the people he represented.

ADAM BENJAMIN also was a good friend of the people of the Washington metropolitan area. As the chairman of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, he was sensitive to such local issues as National Airport and the Metro system. He understood our concerns and he was always willing to listen and work with us to serve the best interests of the area's citizens.

We will miss him. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to his family and many friends in the First District of Indiana.

Mr. UDALL. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sadness and deep regret at the loss of our friend and colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN. ADAM was a thoughtful, fair, and wise legislator, whose advice and support I valued inestimably.

His hard work and excellent counsel will be sorely missed by the Appropriations and Budget Committees on which he served. The Congress, the citizens of Indiana, and the Nation have benefited greatly from his compassionate and courageous leadership.

ADAM will be remembered by all of us in the House as a good friend, public servant, and fine human being.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I was profoundly shocked and saddened by the news of the death of ADAM BENJAMIN.

There is no minimizing the extent of this tragedy. His wife and children have lost a loving husband and father, the people of the First Congressional District of Indiana have lost a dedicated and effective spokesman, and we have lost a distinguished colleague and friend.

I had the pleasure and privilege of serving with ADAM on the Appropriations Committee. No member of that committee worked harder, was more able, or more interested in the quality of the committee's work than he. Although ADAM had only chaired an Appropriations subcommittee for a short time, he was extremely effective in that role, and was recognized as one of the most effective subcommittee chairmen. The diligence, dependability, and great capacity for productive effort that earned him the approval of his constituents also earned him the respect of not only the members of the Appropriations Committee, but all of those Members of Congress who were familiar with his work.

Mr. Speaker, we will sorely miss ADAM BENJAMIN's ability and wise counsel in the days ahead. I want to extend my sincere sympathy to his wife, Patricia, and to their children, Adam III, Alison, and Arianne. I hope they can take some small comfort in the fact that ADAM BENJAMIN will not be forgotten by the Congress in which he served nor the people of Indiana for whom he served.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, it is at this time that I would like to join my colleagues in expressing deep personal sympathy over the sudden death of our fellow Congressman from the great State of Indiana, ADAM BENJAMIN.

During his brief tenure here in the House which began in 1976, ADAM distinguished himself as a knowledgeable and respected leader. I had both the honor and the privilege of serving closely with him

on the Appropriations Committee. As chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee, ADAM quickly familiarized himself with its policies and goals. Moreover, his courteous, friendly personality allowed him to work in close cooperation with the other subcommittee members.

In short, ADAM typified everything that a good House Member should be—hard working, diligent, and always willing to accommodate or assist other Members in their efforts. As we all know, such traits are vital in leadership roles and, unfortunately, are too often the exception rather than the rule.

These may sound like incredible achievements for a relative newcomer to Congress; but examining ADAM's record of service to his Nation and home State prior to 1976, one could have easily anticipated such shining results. It seems only fitting, therefore, that I should mention ADAM's service both in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army. Equally, ADAM distinguished himself as a willing and capable doer in the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate.

It has been said that all great men are simple and good. ADAM was just that. Integrity, dedication, and warmth of personality are rare qualities, but even rarer when combined in any one individual. ADAM was able to combine these traits and thus rise accordingly in the congressional ranks. It is for this reason that I feel personally honored and privileged to have worked with ADAM. It is for this reason that the people of his district, his State, and his country will miss him dearly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest condolences to ADAM's wife and family.

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, all of us were shocked and deeply saddened by the unexpected death of our friend and colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, Jr., of the First District of Indiana.

I considered it a personal honor to serve with ADAM on the Appropriations Committee, and to have him as a member of the Energy and Water Development Subcommittee. I was extremely impressed with his thorough preparation, his hard work, and his understanding of the complexities of the appropriations and budgetary process of the country.

I also held ADAM in the highest regard for the tremendous leadership he provided for the Congressional Steel Caucus. His perseverance and his dedication to the people of America's steel industry

helped to form a strong congressional group which has actively sought to improve the conditions for steel, one of the pillars of America's economy.

His death is a personal tragedy for his loving family and it is also a tragedy for the entire Nation, because ADAM BENJAMIN was a Congressman who had a great deal to offer to all the people. His brief, yet beneficial career in the Congress of the United States set an example of excellence for all of us to follow. ADAM BENJAMIN will be missed by this body.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, we were all shocked to learn last week of the untimely death of our friend and colleague ADAM BENJAMIN.

ADAM and I served together on the Appropriations Committee for 6 years, and during that time worked together on many transportation issues, including providing adequate funding for our Nation's highways and the Coast Guard. Few jobs are more difficult than allocating limited resources to a rapidly expanding transportation system which includes highways, waterways, and airports, however through long hours of work and with a thorough understanding of each of our Nation's transportation needs, ADAM carried out this task.

Although his chairmanship of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation involved ADAM in matters of national importance, he still found the time to serve the people of Indiana's First Congressional District. Even before he was elected to this body in 1976, ADAM dedicated himself to improving his hometown of Gary, Ind., and its surrounding communities. He served the area in many capacities, including schoolteacher, zoning administrator, executive secretary to the mayor, and State representative and senator.

We share the loss of ADAM with his wife, Patricia, and their children Adam III, Alison, and Arianne. Their loss of a husband and a father will be shared by all the American people, who have lost a great leader.

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to join my colleagues in paying tribute to ADAM BENJAMIN. It is very difficult to explain the tremendous loss I felt, and I am sure that the same can be said about my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, when I learned of ADAM's untimely death.

I was fortunate enough to be able to work closely with ADAM on transportation issues and soon realized the drive and commitment he had for the job. I do not think this Chamber has witnessed a Representative, who in such a short period of time, achieved the enormous respect of his colleagues. ADAM obtained this level of respect through hard work and dedication.

My deepest sympathies are extended to ADAM's wife, Patricia, three children, Adam, Alison, and Arianne, and his mother, Margaret. They deserve a special tribute because they gave up so much of him, so the rest of us could have the honor of working with this fine gentleman.

This Chamber will certainly miss ADAM BENJAMIN, but his presence will be felt for a long time to come. If anybody needed to look for a role model for the "perfect legislator," you would be hard pressed to find one better than ADAM BENJAMIN.

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, the sudden, untimely death of ADAM BENJAMIN was a great loss: Not alone to the family which he loved so dearly, but to Indiana and the Nation which, as marine, soldier, and legislator, he served with enormous intelligence, energy, and dedication.

Even as, in 1967, ADAM BENJAMIN's reputation as a most unusual and able public servant preceded his arrival in the Indiana State Legislature, that reputation, greatly enhanced by 4 years of service in both the State house and senate, preceded his arrival in the Congress in 1977.

In my work with the Surface Transportation Subcommittee of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, I was privileged to work closely with ADAM in his role as a strong, but fair-minded, chairman of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations.

He was a powerfully effective advocate of the people of the First District of Indiana whom he served so diligently; yet he had the great capacity to appreciate the needs and problems of others about the Nation and, certainly, he was an enlightened and effective supporter of the Nation's highway and mass transportation needs and systems.

Many have served longer in the Congress than ADAM BENJAMIN; but few have worked harder, nor longer, nor have accomplished more per day of service. Many have gained greater renown; but few have earned, in so short a time, the enormous measure of professional re-

spect and personal affection; a respect, an affection, which transcended the partisan political lines which, as the unexpected swift demise of ADAM BENJAMIN reminds us, must pale in the recognition of how truly fragile, how tenuous, the thread and span of mortal life can really be.

It is a recognition which, at once, inspires a greater balance of values, and a greater level of humility than, perhaps, is sometimes demonstrated. If, as we do, we find cause to mourn our sudden loss in this body, we know that it can be as nothing in consideration of that of his widow and children to whom I offer heartfelt condolences.

Mr. WHITLEY. Mr. Speaker, ADAM BENJAMIN and I were elected to Congress together in 1976 and became Members of the "95th class."

Although ADAM, as the Representative of a midwestern industrial area and I as Congressman from a very rural southern district might have appeared on the surface to have had little in common, we became fast friends.

His good nature and keen sense of humor were always prevalent, and he took my jokes and ribbing in the spirit they were intended.

But there were no jokes between us where the vital interests of our districts and our areas were concerned. On several occasions, he spoke to me about issues very important to him and in every instance I felt that I could, I supported him on these issues. I will never forget the critical—to my district—vote on preserving the tobacco price support and production control program last year when ADAM, knowing it would be a difficult vote for his constituents to understand, supported me in a matter of the utmost concern to the economic lifeblood of my district.

With his office just down the hall from mine, we often walked to the floor together when the bell rang for a vote or quorum call. It is hard for me to realize and accept that no longer when the bell rings will I be pausing to wait for him to catch up so that we can share a few pleasant moments together as a break from the heavy responsibilities of a long day.

I did not know ADAM's wife or family, but to them, I convey my sincerest sympathy. Although you did not know me, I knew ADAM and will miss him more than most.

May God's grace and serenity sustain you as you adjust yourselves, as I adjust myself, to an existence that no longer involves the company and companionship of this good and able man.

Mr. DWYER. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I join today in this special order for ADAM BENJAMIN.

His untimely passing has left a void in this Chamber and on the Appropriations Committee, where I had the honor of working with him for the last year and a half.

As Member, subcommittee chairman, and spokesman for the people of Indiana's First District, ADAM BENJAMIN epitomized the type of Representative to which we all aspire. He advanced the interests of not only his constituents, but our entire Nation as well in many key areas, most notably transportation, through his able leadership as chairman of that subcommittee.

His swift rise to the chairmanship of that important subcommittee is indicative of his skill as a legislator and the deep respect with which he was held by his colleagues.

ADAM BENJAMIN set a fine example of solid and effective leadership for his peers. He will be sorely missed to be sure, but we have been fortunate to have a man of his caliber in our midst.

Mr. APPLEGATE. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about my colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, who suddenly died last week. His death was a stunning blow to all of us, particularly those who had the pleasure of working with him on the Congressional Steel Caucus.

ADAM was a man of tireless commitment. As chairman of the executive committee of the Congressional Steel Caucus, he was dedicated to improving the conditions of the Nation's ailing steel industry as well as insuring that its workers did not join the growing ranks of the unemployed.

ADAM was a man of integrity and his word was his honor—no higher praise can be given. He was respected by his colleagues for his intelligence, qualities of leadership, lack of pretense, and his attention to detail. He was a polite and soft-spoken man whose ability to interact effectively with his colleagues was a talent admired by all.

ADAM BENJAMIN had genuine concern for all he served. His presence will be missed, but he will not be forgotten.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 583 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That during the consideration of the bill (H.R. 7019) making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, and for other purposes, all points of order against the following provisions in said bill for failure to comply with the provisions of clause 2, rule XXI are hereby waived: beginning on page 3, line 12 through page 4, line 17; beginning on page 5, line 6 through 15; beginning on page 14, lines 3 through 14; beginning on page 15, lines 1 through 4; beginning on page 16, lines 1 through 22; beginning on page 18, lines 12 through 22; beginning on page 20, line 14 through page 21, line 6; beginning on page 21, line 20 through page 23, line 2; beginning on page 28, line 12 through page 30, line 2; and beginning on page 34, line 4 through page 36, line 2; and all points of order against the following provisions in said bill for failure to comply with the provisions of clause 6, rule XXI are hereby waived; beginning on page 4, lines 6 through 13; beginning on page 16, lines 1 through 22; and beginning on page 18, lines 12 through 22.

Mr. LONG of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 583 waives certain points of order against specific portions of the bill, H.R. 7019, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year 1983.

H.R. 7019 provides $11,199,399,919 in new budget authority for the programs of the Department of Transportation and related agencies. This figure represents an increase of $802,588,000 above the President's budget request. But the bill is $42 million below the section 302(b) Budget Act allocation to the Subcommittee on Transportation of our Appropriations Committee under the budget adopted by Congress.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is the handiwork of our late beloved colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, who chaired the Subcommittee on Transportation most ably until his recent untimely death. It bears the mark of the diligent craftsman he was, and it is one of the cruel ironies of fate that he left his committee work well attended but was not permitted to see the legislation through on the floor. For those of us whose districts are deeply dependent upon the Coast Guard, upon urban mass transit, upon highway and railroad programs, we owe ADAM BENJAMIN a last debt of gratitude for his careful consideration of programs so important to the Nation's welfare.

The Benjamin bill recommends a total new budget authority of $10,568,066,350 for the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 1983. This amount would fund the Office of the Secretary, the Coast Guard, the Federal Highway Administration, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Federal Railroad Administration,

the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Office of the Inspector General, as well as the Research and Special Programs Administration. Related agencies funded by this bill are provided a total new budget authority of $665,852,569 for fiscal year 1983. These agencies are the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Civil Aeronautics Board, the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Panama Canal Commission, the U.S. Railway Association, and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

I want to make special note of an appropriation of $32 million for rural public transportation. This is a vital program for rural people, and these funds are essential to keep this lifeline open to isolated rural areas.

The rule provides a waiver of points of order under clause 2 of rule XXI, which prohibits consideration of unauthorized appropriations or legislation in appropriations bills, against paragraphs making appropriations for the Coast Guard, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, and the Panama Canal Commission. Most of these authorizatios have already passed the House. A clause 2 waiver is also included for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs.

The rule, in addition, provides a waiver of points of order under clause 6 of rule XXI, prohibiting reappropriations, against consideration of parts of the bill dealing with certain Coast Guard programs, Conrail labor protection, and commuter rail service.

Chairman Whitten's letter of September 2, 1982, addressed to Chairman Bolling, explained the need for these waivers is herewith included in the Record, as follows:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS,
Washington, D.C., September 2, 1982.

Hon. RICHARD BOLLING,
Chairman, Committee on Rules,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On August 19, 1982, the Committee on Appropriations reported the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983.

The bill includes appropriations for a number of programs for which authorizing legislation has not yet been enacted or items which technically constitute legislation in an appropriation bill. The principal items in this category involve the activities of the following agencies:

TITLE I—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Some or all of the Coast Guard appropriations under the paragraphs operating expenses; acquisition, construction and improvements; alteration of bridges; and research, development, test, and evaluation, are not authorized. Authorization for these items is contained in H.R. 5617, which passed the House of Representatives on July 15, 1982.

Authorization is also required for part of the appropriation for operations and research, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Authorization for these items is contained in H.R. 6273, which passed the House of Representatives on June 14, 1982.

The appropriations for railroad safety and commuter rail service, Federal Railroad Administration, are not authorized. These authorizations are contained in H.R. 6308, which passed the House of Representatives on August 12, 1982. The appropriation for Conrail labor protection, Federal Railroad Administration, also may technically be subject to a point of order.

The appropriations for administrative expenses; research, development and demonstration and university research and training; non-urban formula grants; and urban formula grants, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, require authorization. The authorizations for these items are contained in H.R. 6211, which was reported by the Committee on Public Works and Transportation on May 17, 1982.

TITLE II—RELATED AGENCIES

The appropriations for operating expenses and capital outlay, Panama Canal Commission, are not authorized. Authorization for these items is contained in H.R. 6196, which was reported by the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries on May 12, 1982.

TITLE III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

The limitation on obligations for Federal-aid highways contained in section 10 may technically be subject to a point of order since it contains a formula for distributing the funds under the limitation. The language is virtually identical to the language contained in H.R. 6211.

Accordingly, in the interest of orderly legislative procedure, we respectfully request a hearing before your Committee to seek a rule waiving points of order under clauses 2 and 6 of Rule XXI against the items specified above.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JAMIE WHITTEN,
Chairman.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Speaker, there are too few real leaders in the United States today, and that is why the death of our colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, is such an especially tragic loss.

ADAM's leadership qualities were well known to all his colleagues who worked with him. First, he was an extraordinarily hard worker. He simply outlearned and outprepared almost all other Members. Second, he had a gifted intellect that enabled him to understand the complicated issues that he worked with, and to make judgments that will be proven correct in history.

ADAM was also honest, fair, and reliable to a degree that is truly exceptional today. Everyone who knew ADAM BENJAMIN grew to expect much of him; no one was ever let down.

But what impressed me most about him, and what we will miss most in his absence from this body, was his strong heart. In the generation taught to be go-getters ADAM was a go-giver. He was so generous with his time and his help, and he spent his substantial power and influence so graciously and for such good, that few standing in this Chamber did not directly benefit from his friendship. He lived to serve others, never needing to worry about serving himself.

Mr. Speaker, America has lost a great leader, Congress has lost a great worker, Indiana has lost a great servant, and I have lost a great friend.

Carol and I join the thousands of the Benjamin family friends in extending our deep-felt sympathy and our prayers to his wife, Pat, the children, and ADAM's mother.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of ADAM BENJAMIN has cost the House of Representatives one of our most effective Members. Since ADAM's district in Indiana bordered my district in Illinois, many problems called for cooperation between us. I can personally attest to the unusual effectiveness and influence he had.

I developed a great admiration for ADAM. He was a West Point graduate, he excelled in his service to his constituents, and he was a leader in the Indiana Legislature before coming to Washington. In his brief congressional career, he made his mark more rapidly than most and he will be sorely missed by his constituents, his colleagues, and his country.

ADAM was a warm, genuine, and friendly man; the kind of friend you could sit and enjoy pleasant moments with, as well as turn to when you needed advice in troublesome periods. He leaves a young family; and my wife, Pat, joins me in expressing our sincerest regrets to them. I want ADAM's wife, Patricia, and his children to know that he has left memories with all of us they can be proud of and, despite his premature passing, he will be remembered in only the most positive fashion.

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, each Member of this body has been touched by the untimely death of Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN. Today, in profound sadness, and with the deepest respect and ad-

miration, we honor the memory and service of a great statesman and an outstanding American.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a man of high intelligence and dedication to principle. He loved America and believed in the workings of Congress. Congressman BENJAMIN served his constituents with devotion. Capable of honest advocacy, ADAM BENJAMIN represented the people, trusted their wisdom and venerated the principles of democracy. He was devoted to humanity and always giving a part of himself to the betterment of his fellow man. It was my privilege to have served in the House with Congressman BENJAMIN, he was a leader of unquestioned integrity and a model public figure.

I extend my thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy to Congressman BENJAMIN's widow and children. May they find strength and peace in the days ahead.

Mr. LEHMAN. Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult to describe my dismay at the news of ADAM BENJAMIN's sudden death, but I know that it is not necessary. All who knew him share my shock at this tragedy.

ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., was an exceptional man. Strong yet compassionate, effective and always fair, ADAM gave all of himself to his family, to his constitutents, to this House, and to the Nation. His generosity and his commitment were reflected in his hard work, and I believe it is accurate to say that he gave his life for his country, just as surely as if he had died under arms.

This is a time when our country needs leaders of ADAM's caliber, with ADAM's special qualities. A leader we cannot spare has fallen.

The Congress has lost one of its best, and I have lost a true friend. We will all miss ADAM; we owe it to him to continue working to fulfill his goals and to maintain his ideals.

Mr. AUCOIN. Mr. Speaker, ADAM BENJAMIN was a trusted friend and colleague to us all. His death is a tragic loss to his family, to this body, and to the constituents he represented so well.

Many of my colleagues here today knew ADAM when he was just learning the ropes. I did not really get to know him until more recently, over the last few years, when his accomplishments were many. I was privileged to serve on the transportation appropriations subcommittee which ADAM chaired, and I grew to respect his knowledge, ability, and perhaps most of all, his fairness.

He was an outstanding representative, tireless in his efforts, absolutely committed to serving our great country. He was, in the best sense of the word, a public servant.

In his inaugural address, President Kennedy spoke of the demands of public office. He said:

"And when at some future date the high court of history sits in judgment on each of us, recording whether in our brief span of service we fulfilled our responsibilities to the State, our success or failure, in whatever office we hold, will be measured by the answers to four questions: First, were we truly men of courage * * *. Second, were we truly men of judgment * * *. Third, were we truly men of integrity * * *. Finally were we truly men of dedication?"

ADAM BENJAMIN was all of these things.

In a job where it is all too easy to get caught up in our own issues and our own personal projects, ADAM always had time to help his colleagues. A few months ago when I had to spend some time in the hospital for my own health, ADAM was there—offering to do whatever he could to help me out.

Few of us could have carried the load ADAM did. A seat on the Budget or Appropriations Committee is demanding. He did both and was in his office long after most of us had gone home.

ADAM worked hard, too hard. We will all miss him. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife and family.

Mr. ALBOSTA. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound shock and sorrow that my wife Dorothy and I learned of the sudden and unexpected death of ADAM BENJAMIN, JR. It is always so tragic when death takes from us one of our friends and colleagues.

ADAM was a quiet but effective legislator. He was trustworthy and reliable. He worked long hours and diligently for his people. These are all traits which we all admire and seek to emulate. Most of all, ADAM BENJAMIN was a friend and loyal colleague.

It was in this last capacity that I came to know ADAM best. When another Member of Congress was unable at the last minute to come to my district for a special event, it was ADAM to whom I turned. Not only did he come on short notice and with little preparation, but he also turned out to be a big hit with my constituents.

ADAM was just that type of guy. You could always count on him in a pinch and you knew his word was good as gold. He did everything thoroughly and you knew that when ADAM BENJAMIN spoke, he knew what he was talking about.

It is particularly painful to lose ADAM at this time because he was definitely one of the promising Members of Congress who was sure

to fulfill his potential as a leader in Congress. In just three terms, the vast majority of Members came to know and respect ADAM's wisdom, analytical mind, and ability to get a job done and have it done well.

As a member of the Appropriations Committee, ADAM clearly understood the importance of building and maintaining America's roads, highways, bridges, ports, and mass transit systems. He had the vision that is needed to be a leader in making this country's transportation system work for everyone.

We shall miss ADAM BENJAMIN and all that he stood for in our minds. It is not often that we have the opportunity to work with people of ADAM's ability. While he may have left us physically, his example will be with us for many years, as will his accomplishments.

Dorothy and I extend to his family our heartfelt sympathies.

Mr. SHUMWAY. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our friend and colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, and I appreciate having this opportunity to pay tribute to his memory today.

While our membership in this 435-Member organization produces a mutual camaraderie to some degree, I am always pleased to encounter a colleague with a genuinely warm and friendly attitude. Such was the case with ADAM BENJAMIN. He was the most congenial of men, and the most open of Members, encouraging friendship and ever ready to offer a listening ear. He was, to me personally, a kind and thoughtful individual, one with whom I wish there had been more time in which to become better acquainted.

Thus, I shall miss ADAM BENJAMIN now that he is no longer with us, and I shall certainly preserve the fine memories which he left behind. I extend my most heartfelt condolences to his wife and children, and to all those who have been saddened by his loss.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. Jacobs, for taking this special order so that we can pay tribute to our deceased colleague and friend, ADAM BENJAMIN, JR. Mr. Speaker, this is indeed a sad occasion for me and Members on both sides of the aisle. Today, we formally join with the people of Indiana in mourning the death of our friend and a true friend of the American people.

His death leaves a tremendous void in this legislative body. Mr. Speaker, Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN gave every ounce of his energy, intelligence, and ability every waking moment for the well-being of the people of this great Nation. He was, in the truest sense of

the word, a master statesman whose leadership was revered by Members of both political parties.

ADAM BENJAMIN was elected to represent Indiana's First Congressional District in 1976. I think that we can candidly say that he served the best interest of the people of that district.

Mr. Speaker, on a more personal note, I had the distinct pleasure of serving with Congressman BENJAMIN on the House Appropriations Committee. I was impressed by his actions on that committee. I found his skill in maneuvering through the often tedious appropriations process to be extraordinary. He was so skilled and committed to his task on that committee, that he developed a reputation as being one of the most hard-working members of the House Appropriations Committee.

Mr. Speaker, just as important, every member of that committee regarded ADAM BENJAMIN as being a fairminded and cooperative individual. Recently, through his role as the chairman of the House Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, ADAM BENJAMIN supported the efforts of Congresswoman Mary Rose Oakar and myself to secure needed funds for the terminal tower project in Cleveland. Probably more than any other person, he provided the impetus for the inclusion of funding for the terminal tower project in the fiscal year 1982 supplemental appropriations bill. My major regret is that he did not live to see this House override the President's veto of that bill in which he helped to provide funds for this project in Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker, this is just one of many acts of kindness that ADAM BENJAMIN did for his colleagues. It was his ability as a legislator and acts like this that endeared him to Members on both sides of the aisle. We shall miss his leadership especially at a time when the skill he displayed in the appropriations process is so greatly needed in this Nation.

Again, I express my condolences to ADAM's wife, his family, and the residents of the First Congressional District of Indiana. I know that the spirit and magnitude of the character of ADAM BENJAMIN will live on in our hearts and minds.

Mr. SHARP. Mr. Speaker, we have all suffered a great loss and are saddened by the death of our colleague ADAM BENJAMIN. He was a tireless worker and an unselfish person who represented his constituents, State, and Nation well. All of my colleagues have mentioned the long hours and dedication that ADAM put into his work. We can all use him and his record as a way to measure our own ac-

complishments. I am struck by the thought that we know our days are limited on this Earth, and ADAM realized that there was so much to do that he carried on with his work as if there were no tomorrows.

I was fortunate to have gotten to know ADAM when he was first elected to the Congress in 1976. We were friends and I am a better person for having known him. ADAM was always willing to talk and share with me some of his ideas and thoughts. As chairman of the Appropriations' Subcommittee on Transportation, he was an integral part of my efforts to continue passenger rail service to my district. My district directly benefited from his leadership.

We will miss ADAM BENJAMIN in this Chamber. But more importantly this Nation will miss his leadership and sense of fairness during the coming years. Perhaps Kahlil Gibran said it best when he wrote in The Prophet:

When you part from your friend, you grieve not; For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence, as a mountain to the climber is clear from the plain.

ADAM BENJAMIN will not be forgotten.

Mr. FAZIO. Mr. Speaker, I want to mention our recently deceased colleague, ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., of Indiana, who has been a member of the Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch Appropriations since the beginning of the 95th Congress and was my predecessor as subcommittee chairman, a position he filled during the 96th Congress. ADAM BENJAMIN was a highly effective Member of Congress, and a great friend. I have not heard of a Member who worked harder or longer hours for his constituents or on his committee assignments. He gave me much useful advice in connection with legislative branch appropriation matters and was always available when needed. ADAM was taken from his family and all of us at a relatively young age—but he accomplished a great deal in those years he had and we are better off as a result. He will be missed, Mr. Speaker, and remembered.

Mr. GORE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay tribute to ADAM BENJAMIN, my late colleague from Indiana.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a great friend, and a gentleman who was respected for his honesty, energy, and outstanding integrity. He was a warm, generous man with a deep concern for the public welfare. He rapidly gained a reputation as a strong uncompromising figure in his pursuit of fair and effective representation and he emerged in only three short terms, as a leader in Congress.

A true public servant in the fullest sense of the term, ADAM gave not only of his time, but of himself, ADAM BENJAMIN was a dedicated and effective legislator who had strong ideas on what was right and reasonable in Government, and he pursued these goals without pause or compromise. His years here were full of achievement and distinction, as he commenced his congressional career with an appointment to the prestigious Appropriations Committee and, only 2 years later, was asked to chair the Legislative Subcommittee of Appropriations.

ADAM BENJAMIN will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know him—his family, his friends, and the people he represented. What he might have yet achieved, had his time not been cut so sadly short, can only be imagined. What he was, what he accomplished, and what he meant to each of us, will not be soon forgotten.

Mr. JACOBS. Mr. Speaker, the following is a tribute to our fallen colleague ADAM BENJAMIN. A tribute was issued from the Indiana Washington office and written by the Governor's representative in Washington, Mr. Don M. Newman. Mr. Newman enriches the Record by his beautiful words about ADAM.

ADAM BENJAMIN

All who knew him grieve at his untimely death. There is a deep sense of loss, both personally, for we lost a good friend; and politically, for the First District, Indiana, and our country lost a great patriot.

ADAM was the epitome of the hard-working Hoosier Congressman. His long hours of dedicated toil in behalf of his district, his State, and his country is common knowledge.

His monumental devotion to duty encompassed not only attempted resolution of his district's problems, but also attempted resolution of any meritorious State problem which was brought to his attention. It did not matter to ADAM if the beneficiaries of his efforts were in parts of Indiana far removed from the First District—if he could help, he did help.

He treated people with deep respect and genuine affection; and it was easily reciprocated. He was unpretentious, honest, unassuming and democratic. It was part of his style to close his staff meetings by polling his young industrious, and intelligent staff on their opinions. It assured them in a very direct way that he sincerely valued their significant contributions. His quick expression of appreciation was part of his nature.

A few days ago, Governor Orr received a letter from ADAM thanking him for an appointment he had made upon ADAM's recommendation. The letter was dated Saturday, September 4. One of the Congressman's last acts was to extend his appreciation to his Governor for a small favor. It was typical.

ADAM BENJAMIN did touch our lives in a special way. It is fitting that we remember and appreciate him for his fine works. But also, perhaps we could pay him the higher compliment of stretching to enhance our own character and contribution with more of his strong attributes: an ADAM BENJAMIN in-

dustriousness, an ADAM BENJAMIN integrity, and an ADAM BENJAMIN devotion to duty.

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker when Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN died recently, the House of Representatives lost one of its finest Members, and I lost one of my closest friends.

ADAM was a man who served the House in its finest tradition. He cared about the people he represented and worked hard for them. He was a man of his word. He understood the congressional system, and worked within it for the benefit of the people. He brought to Government a deep concern, a caring that what we did was not only possible within the limits of Congress, but beneficial to the people it would affect.

I worked most closely with ADAM on the Steel Caucus. We would not have been able to adopt the "trigger pricing" system without his help. We would not have been able to obtain the "safe harbor leasing" tax provision for the steel industry without ADAM's leadership. We would never have established the communication among Congress, union steel leaders, and the steel industry had it not been for the work and diligence of ADAM.

In addition, I worked with him on the Appropriations Committee, where he provided leadership on the Legislative Subcommittee and most recently the Transportation Subcommittee. ADAM had a keen eye for appropriation detail, and fought for budgets that were fair and equitable. In working with him on a transportation project in my own area, I found him to be a quick study, and, as always, he grasped the heart of the project and was able to help move it forward.

Personally, ADAM was a source of strength to all of us. He made us more compassionate, he made sure we worked for and remembered the public good, and when the situation called for it, his sense of humor would not only relax us, but also show us the perspective of the issue we were considering.

Mr. BARNES. Mr. Speaker, like all of my colleagues, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Indiana Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN. Representative BENJAMIN was a conscientious and respected Member of the House, who served his constituents and his country with great distinction.

With Representative BENJAMIN's death, the residents of the Washington, D.C., area have lost a true friend, for he was a strong supporter of our Metro subway in his capacity as chairman of the Ap-

propriations Subcommittee on Transportation. His support for Metro was certainly reflected in the bills reported out of committee during his tenure as chairman, and those who ride the subway today are the beneficiaries of Mr. BENJAMIN's efforts.

I would like to share with my colleagues an article from the September newsletter of the National Association of Railroad Passengers, which underscores Congressman BENJAMIN's contributions to progress in mass transit and in the transportation field generally:

ADAM BENJAMIN, JR.

Congress lost one of its most dedicated and respected Members over the Labor Day weekend, with the death of Indiana Democratic Representative ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., 47. We who seek a balanced transportation system for the United States lost a valued friend.

Representative BENJAMIN was a hard-working, conscientious, and personable man who spent many evenings and weekends working in his congressional office. Those who phoned his office after 6 or 7 p.m. were often startled to find the Congressman himself at the other end of the line. Said Republican Indiana Lt. Gov. John Mutz, "No one worked as many hours for his constituents." Such praise from the GOP side comes as no surprise, for his devotion to his work won him respect from all quarters. Upon learning of BENJAMIN's death, Senator Richard Lugar, Republican, Indiana, said, "ADAM BENJAMIN was a distinguished Hoosier legislator whose mastery of detail and faithfulness to duty produced solid achievement * * *. I will miss him deeply as a strong legislative ally and as a gracious friend."

BENJAMIN had a genuine interest in seeing Amtrak and mass transit succeed. As a member, and later as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, he provided invaluable help to public transportation.

Primarily because of ADAM BENJAMIN, Amtrak stations exist today in Hammond and Michigan City; major capital improvements have been completed for Amtrak's Chicago-Valparaiso commuter service (which is attracting ever-increasing passenger loads); and America's last interurban rail transit line, the 88-mile Chicago, South Shore & South Bend, is now receiving desperately needed new equipment. A founder of the United States-Japan Rail Congress, BENJAMIN was a strong proponent of Amtrak's Emerging Corridors, and his particular interest in the Chicago-Indianapolis-Cincinnati Corridor may yet rescue Conrail's Shelbyville line for future passenger service. BENJAMIN shared NARP's belief in the "Cardinal," and played an important role in the train's restoration. The Congressman elevated the importance of Amtrak's recent labor agreements by personally attending, along with Representative Norman Lent, Republican, New York, the signing of the new contracts. BENJAMIN worked for rail improvements not only in Indiana, but across the land, and largely because of his work earlier this year, Amtrak is off to a good start in the fiscal year 1983 appropriations process.

Congressman BENJAMIN suffered from high blood pressure and apparently died of heart failure. Many who knew him well concur with East Chicago, Ind., Mayor Robert Pastrick, Democrat, who lamented that BENJAMIN "worked himself to death."

Like his constituents and congressional colleagues, we feel a tremendous loss and sadness.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues who have paid tribute to ADAM BENJAMIN, whose recent death was a shock to us all. The genuine sadness throughout the Congress was a tribute not only to the friendship we all felt for him but also the respect with which he was regarded.

ADAM was one of the most effective Members of the House. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, he was responsible for the funding of numerous key programs in the area of transportation. I came to know him best when he joined the Budget Committee last year. It was an honor and a pleasure to be able to work with ADAM on the committee. His grasp of the issues and his commitment to rational and fair solutions to our Nation's problems made him a great asset to the committee.

Mr. Speaker, I attended ADAM's funeral in Indiana, and, while it was obviously a very sad occasion, it was heartwarming to see the outpouring of affection for him from his friends and neighbors at home. Like us, they will miss ADAM a great deal.

I know all of my colleagues join me in extending the deepest sympathy to ADAM's family. Their loss is shared by the Congress and by the Nation.

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues and interested readers of this Record, I want to insert the poignant and accurate eulogy given by my friend and colleague, the Honorable Lee Hamilton, in memory of our departed colleague, the Honorable ADAM BENJAMIN.

This eulogy reflects the impact that ADAM had on the lives of Members of Congress who were privileged to work with him. It was given in the SS. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Merrillville, Ind., on Friday, September 10, 1982.

Again, I want to extend my sympathy to ADAM's family. We share in their loss and sorrow.

EULOGY FOR THE HONORABLE ADAM BENJAMIN, GIVEN BY THE HONORABLE LEE HAMILTON, DELIVERED AT SERVICES HELD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1982, AT SS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, MERRILLVILLE, IND.

I speak this morning for over 40 Members of the U.S. Congress who have come as representatives of the entire Congress to express their deepest sympathy to ADAM's family and friends, and to express gratitude for his life.

To his wife, Patricia, and to his children—Adam III, Alison, and Arianne—I extend the most heartfelt condolences from Members of Congress. All of us who knew ADAM BENJAMIN are grateful for his life and for the contributions he made to his friends, his community, his State, and his Nation. His life, from West Point to Congress, was in the highest, finest tradition of public service.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a legislator.

I know of no one who was so quick to master the procedures of the House and use them for the benefit of his constituents. He set a record by becoming the chairman of an appropriations subcommittee in his second term.

There used to be a saying in Indianapolis that ADAM was the only Member of the General Assembly who read all the bills. That gives some indication of the respect his fellow legislators had for ADAM's legislative skill.

It is not enough to say that ADAM was a superb legislative craftsman. He loved his profession, and it showed. He practiced it with intelligence, skill, conviction, even amusement, and he always had a sharp eye for the foibles of his fellow legislators.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a person who believed deeply in democracy.

He believed in, and lived for, representative government.

Not long ago a person asked me whether democracy could solve all the problems on the national agenda. At the time my response was honest, but not very good. I said that I just did not know. Today, I would amend the answer. I would say yes, so long as it can continue to produce men like ADAM.

I remember discussing a difficult vote with ADAM only a few weeks ago. I talked with him about the politics of the vote. He understood all of that, of course, but then he smiled and said. "But Lee, an 'aye' vote is the right vote for the country." So simple, so profound, so shaming, so uplifting.

ADAM was a politician.

He enjoyed politics, and he especially enjoyed it as it is practiced in the House of Representatives. He was a great strategist, a strong debator, and, despite firmly held views, was, as a political craftsman, always on the lookout for a suitable compromise. He was always seeking solutions to the problems, not an opportunity to score points. He simply did not care who got the credit for a victory.

Perhaps ADAM was a master politician because he came from his constituents. He was a part of them. He worked hard for them. Their problems and hopes, troubles and ambitions were his as well. Their welfare was his primary concern. He thought constantly of how he might serve them better.

ADAM had pride in his work as a politician. He believed it was the politician's job to make the country work, to provide stability, to accommodate different points of view, to develop a consensus, and to meet the needs of people. He believed that a politician's work is the chief means of achieving justice for all persons.

ADAM BENJAMIN was a good man.

He was compassionate; he deeply wanted to help people. He had come through the political wars of this country and the State without bitterness—and with everyone's respect. I don't recall him saying a mean remark about anyone. In talking policy issues with ADAM, we all had the sense that this man really did care. He acted not for himself, but for others.

Politics exacts a terrible price from families, but ADAM bridged the gap between his family and his profession as well as any politician I know. His first priority was his family. He was always very proud of them. His death was all the more sad because it came at a time when he was looking forward to a pleasure that only a parent can know—that of being able to spend more time with his son, Adam III.

Make no mistake, ADAM BENJAMIN was among the very best Members of Congress—others are better known, better publicized—but none were better Members.

Politics is an all-consuming profession for those who seek to do justice to the great calling of making laws in a free society. Politics, I think is fair to say, consumed ADAM BENJAMIN. Death has done what only death could have done. It kept ADAM BENJAMIN from completing a brilliant career in the U.S. Congress.

In this day of mourning, let us celebrate ADAM's life with thanks.

Let us remember his concern for people. They were not statistics to him, but real, live, warm human beings. He cared for each one of them.

Let us remember his unsparing dedication to work for the betterment of his constituents.

Let us remember the broad smile, the easy manner, the oft-heard phrase from his lips, "what can I do for you, friend?"

Let us remember ADAM as he was: Warm, restless, inquisitive, dedicated, vital.

His death leaves an empty place in our lives. But his dedication and his spirit will remain a vibrant part of our lives.

Good bye, ADAM—and thanks.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *September 8, 1982.*

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, yesterday, it was learned that Congressman ADAM BENJAMIN died over the Labor Day weekend at the age of 47 from natural causes. Representative BENJAMIN was serving his third term, and was chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus, and a member of the House Appropriation and Budget Committees.

All of us, in both Chambers, and in both parties, send our deepest sympathies to the Benjamin family. ADAM BENJAMIN's death is a tragic loss, not only to the members of his district, but to the whole of Congress.

Mr. ROBERT C. BYRD. Mr. President, I rise to extend my deep sympathies to the family of ADAM BENJAMIN, and to the people of Indiana he served so well.

His early and tragic death takes from us a quiet leader, a man with an absolute commitment to public service. His was a style that never sought the limelight, never sought personal gain; that focused on the hard, substantive, behind the scenes work so fundamentally necessary to the functioning of our democracy. His honesty and integrity were known to all. When ADAM BENJAMIN gave you his word, or his commitment to assist you in any way, you could put the matter out of your mind.

For his honesty, his commitment to hard work, and for his ideals he will be greatly missed. Again, I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife and children.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Gregory, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

House Resolution 579

A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable Adam Benjamin, Jr., a Representative from the State of Indiana.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, as in morning business, I send to the desk a resolution, on behalf of the Senators from Indiana (Mr. Quayle and Mr. Lugar), and I ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Senate Resolution 457

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable Adam Benjamin, Jr., late a Representative from the State of Indiana.

Resolved further, That a committee be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved further, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved further, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. QUAYLE. Mr. President, the sudden death of Congressman Adam Benjamin of the First District of Indiana this past weekend leaves a great void for those of us who had the privilege of knowing and working with this special person.

Adam Benjamin and I came to the U.S. House of Representatives together in 1977. We worked together for nearly 6 years. Even though our political parties were different, there were many areas of agreement, and our efforts in behalf of Indiana were harmonious and productive.

Adam was given a coveted seat on the House Appropriations Committee as a freshman Congressman, and he quickly mastered the intricacies of working with the Federal budget. He served as chairman of the Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee and in this Congress was chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee.

He worked hard on economic development of his congressional district in northwest Indiana. He was a leader in steel industry revital-

ization and strived for improvement of transportation throughout Indiana.

ADAM also served as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives and the State senate prior to his election to Congress in 1976.

ADAM BENJAMIN's relatively short life was dedicated to helping people. He tackled every job with intensity, good humor, and skill.

Mr. President, I feel a deep personal loss over the passing of ADAM BENJAMIN. He was a true friend and patriot. His loss will be sorely felt by his dear family, his constituency, and all of us in Indiana who valued his friendship and his leadership.

We convey to his beloved wife, Patricia, and to his children, Adam III, Alison, and Arianne our heartfelt sympathy. May God bless them and comfort them during this time of sorrow.

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, ADAM BENJAMIN was a distinguished Hoosier legislator whose mastery of detail and faithfulness to duty produced solid achievement.

He enjoyed bipartisan respect in the Indiana General Assembly and in the U.S. House of Representatives for his intelligence, his indefatigable work style, and his friendliness.

ADAM was extraordinarily effective in obtaining favorable transportation issue results for Indiana. I will deeply miss him as a strong legislative ally and as a gracious friend throughout many good years of Hoosier political life.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 457) was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the resolution just adopted, the Chair appoints the two Senators from Indiana (Mr. Lugar and Mr. Quayle) as the committee on the part of the Senate to join the committee on the part of the House of Representatives.

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Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, in accordance with the previous order, and pursuant to the provisions of Senate Resolution 457, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased ADAM BENJAMIN, JR., late a Representative from the State of Indiana, I move that the Senate stand in recess until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and at 3:21 p.m. the Senate recessed until tomorrow, Thursday, September 9, 1982, at 11 a.m.

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